

1 VOCABULARY phone language

a Match the words from the list to definitions 1–12.

busy call back cut somebody off dial go off
hang up leave a message put somebody on hold
ringtone swipe text/message voicemail

- 1 to send somebody a message using a cell phone

- 2 to make a caller wait until the person they want to talk to is free

- 3 to call somebody again or call somebody who called you earlier

- 4 to start ringing

- 5 to record information for somebody to listen to later

- 6 an electronic system that can store messages so that you can listen to them later

- 7 to stop or interrupt somebody's phone conversation

- 8 to push the buttons on a phone to call a number

- 9 the sound your phone makes when somebody is calling you

- 10 to move content across a screen using your finger

- 11 meaning that a phone is in use and can't be called

- 12 to end a phone conversation and put the phone down

b Complete the sentences with the words from a.

- 1 I wanted to speak to my boss personally, so I didn't _____.
- 2 If I give you my phone, you can _____ through my vacation photos.
- 3 We turned off our phones at the start of the movie to make sure they didn't _____.
- 4 We were _____ when the train I was on went into a tunnel.
- 5 I need to choose another _____ because I never hear the one I have.
- 6 I couldn't talk to my bank because the phone was _____.
- 7 When you call big companies, they often _____ you _____ for a long time.
- 8 John isn't answering his phone, so I'll have to _____ later.
- 9 Did you listen to your _____ last night? I left you a message.
- 10 I usually _____ when companies call me to try to sell me something.
- 11 I don't have to _____ my friends' numbers because they're all in my contacts.
- 12 Can you _____ your brother and tell him we're going to be late?