

On the pulse 3
Unit 1

READING COMPREHENSION



Hello! I'm Kate. I want to write about my mobile phone. I got it from my parents for my birthday two years ago. I like it very much and I think it's sometimes good to have it in my bag.

I always keep it in my bag or in my pocket so my parents and my friends can always telephone me. It's got a calculator in it so I sometimes use it at school. It's also a kind of information file. I can use my mobile phone to connect to the Internet and look through the news or read emails on my computer. Isn't it fantastic?

Last Friday I was on a cycling holiday with my friend. We went cycling but the weather wasn't good. It was cold and windy. It started to rain and it got dark. Suddenly my friend fell off her bike and she broke her leg. At first I didn't know what to do but then I thought about my phone. It was in my school bag so I telephoned for help. After fifteen minutes a doctor arrived.

Sometimes people are not keen on mobile phones. They are a real problem because they always ring at the wrong moment. I'm not crazy about my mobile phone but I feel safe when I have it with me.

1) Are these sentences true or false?

- 1 Kate can't exist without her mobile phone.
- 2 She got her mobile for her birthday.
- 3 Her parents bought her the mobile phone one year ago.
- 4 There's a calculator in her mobile.
- 5 She can connect to the Internet with her mobile.

2) Fill the blanks with these words

SAFE- TELEPHONE- INFORMATION FILE- HELP- RING

- 1 Kate's parents and friends can always _____ her.
- 2 Her mobile phone is also a kind of _____
- 3 On the cycling holiday after the accident Kate phoned for _____.
- 4 Mobile phones often _____ at the wrong moment.
- 5 Children can feel _____ when they have their mobile phones with them.

3) Complete the conversation. Use one or more words in each blank.

Marge: Hi! (1) _____ a digital citizen?

Andrew: Not exactly but I (2) _____ with computers.

Marge: What gadget (3) _____ you got?

Andrew: I've got a smartphone and I take it everywhere. I (4) _____ with friends and I use it at school too.

Marge: What do you do with your smartphone at school?

Andrew: Well... I (5) usually _____ words on online dictionaries and many other things

4) Read again and make questions to Kate in the past form.

You: *Where did you go* Last Friday?

Kate: I went to the park.

You: _____ ?

Kate: I went cycling.

You: Who _____ with?

Kate: I went with my friend.

You: _____ the weather like?

Kate: It was cold and windy. It started to rain and got dark

You: _____ with your friend?

Kate: My friend fell off her bike and broke her leg.

You: _____ telephone for help?

Kate: Yes, I did. I telephoned for help with my mobile phone.

Writing a review

Choose a gadget and write about it.

- What is the gadget?
- When did you buy it?
- Was it easy to set up?
- What are the pros and cons.



