Phone language

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4.1 **Listen and match what you hear to the sentences.**

- A He's **dialling** a number.
- B She's **texting (messaging)** a friend.
- C He's just **hung up**.
- D She's choosing a new **ringtone**.
- E He's **calling back**.
- F She's **left a message** on his **voicemail**.
- G The line's **engaged (busy)**.
- H She's **swiping** through photos.
- I His phone **went off** in the middle of a meeting.
- J She needs to talk to a helpline, but they've **put** her **on hold**.
- K He was **cut off** in the middle of a conversation.

4.2 **Listen and check. Practise saying the sentences.**

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

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

1 to send sb a message using a mobile phone
text / message
2 to make a caller wait until the person they want to talk to is free
_____
3 to phone sb again or phone sb who called you earlier
_____
4 to start ringing
_____
5 to record information for sb 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 sb's phone conversation
_____
8 to push the buttons on a phone to call a number
_____
9 the sound your phone makes when sb 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
_____



Complete the sentences with the words from a.

1 I wanted to speak to my boss personally, so I didn't *leave a message*.
2 If I give you my phone, you can _____ through my holiday photos.
3 We turned off our phones at the start of the film 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've got.
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?

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