MOBILE PHONES

The love affair with mobile phones is worldwide. The Germans call them "handy"; the Singaporeans refer to them (1) "prawns" because a popular model looks (2) … a prawn when opened; the Finns have (3) … them "kannykka" or "kanny", meaning an extension of the hand; everywhere they are establishing (4) … as one of the world's most successful consumer products. Mobiles have two qualities (5) … make them much more powerful (6) … their fi xed-line brothers: they travel around with you and they know (7) … you are. This means you can keep in (8) … with people – and increasingly with information - wherever you (9) … to be. The most obvious reason (10) … mobile phones are so popular is that the quality is going up (11) … the same time as prices are coming down.

HISTORY

Analogue technology (the so-called fi rst generation) 12) … people a taste for mobile communications. Digital technology (the second generation) improved mobile communications. Digital technology (the second generation) improved reception and enabled a range of sophisticated services to (13) … offered. The third generation of digital phones will make (14) … possible for mobile-phone users to access 15) … Internet at lightning speed.

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