The London Eye has become an iconic London landmark since it was opened in 2000 to celebrate the new millennium. By June of 2008 30 million people (A1) … a ride on the London Eye. The London Eye (A2) … in London and when you are on it you get a fabulous view of the city. The London Eye is a symbol of modern Britain, and it has been called London"s Eiffel Tower. However, when it was originally designed, by husband-and-wife team Julia Barfield and David Marks, people thought it (A3) … during the year 2000, the millennium year, or perhaps just for a few years more. Nobody (A4) … it to be so successful. Today it is one of the UK"s most popular tourist attractions and (A5) … by over 3.5 million people a year. The wheel travels at a speed of about 0.6 miles per hour and an average ride (A6) … 30 minutes. Thousands of couples (A7) … on this iconic landmark since its opening.

A1. 1) were taking 2) were taken 3) would be taken 4) had taken 5) have been taking

A2. 1) located 2) locates 3) is located 4) was locating 5) had located

A3. 1) was only using 2) would only be used 3) only used 4) had only used 5) will only use

A4. 1) expected 2) will be expected 3) is expecting 4) was expected 5) expects

A5. 1) is visiting 2) was visited 3) has visited 4) is visited 5) has been visiting

A6. 1) will be taken 2) took 3) has been taking 4) is taken 5) takes

A7. 1) propose 2) are proposed 3) have proposed 4) will propose 5) were proposing

It"s easy to see the advantages of mobile phones in our everyday lives. It"s hard to imagine what life was like before we had them. One of the main advantages is that you can get (A8) … touch with people at all times. Texting also makes it very easy to organise meetings with friends (A9) … the last minute. More photos are taken on mobile phones than traditional cameras nowadays, thanks (A10) … improvements in technology. The problem is that, on the other hand, mobiles can be very annoying. Although I couldn"t live without mine, I find it quite irritating to be interrupted by calls when I"m out with friends. As well as that, I hate sitting next (A11) … people who have loud phone conversations (A12) … buses. In my opinion, however, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. I think the mobile phone is one of the most important inventions of the last 100 years.

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(A13) This is … true story that shows how plans can sometimes go wrong and how people can make silly mistakes. This happened quite a long time ago – in 1979, actually. The scene was … old people"s home in a small town. (A14) The town was situated in … north of England and was called Otley. The owners of the home wanted to put a fence around it to make it more private. The work began soon after … Christmas when the workmen arrived in a lorry with planks of wood which they put up around the building. (A15) „It was a very nice fence," said one of the old people. But there was … problem. The workmen forgot to leave a gap for … lorry to drive out through. (A16) They had to come back … next day to knock down part of the fence. „What … silly mistake!" said another resident.

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