

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1),

False (2),

Not Stated (3).

GISMOS

OK, OK, I know this Nokia looks like an unusually boring portable phone, but it's far from it. This is the one we've all (well, all right, some of us) been waiting for, the Excalibur of mobile telephony. It works, you see, over the Pond. No, not in Kensington Gardens; I am referring, in what was supposed to be a nonchalant manner, to the Pond. The Atlantic.

Yes, this ordinary Nokia is a phone you can take with you and use in America and Canada - pretty much anywhere - and be charged to your regular account in England. If you're not impressed yet, let me tell you this is a very big deal, the equivalent of finding an American who can say 'human' and 'humiliate', rather than 'yuman' and 'yumiliate'. The systems are so different between here and there that, for the foreseeable future, we won't be able to use a British phone in the States, and you still have to rent or buy this American-made one specially before your trip. A bit convoluted, but it works. I was unable to catch the system out on a recent 15-city trip. I made and received trouble-free local and international calls on LA freeways, in taxi-cabs deep in Manhattan, from a train in New England, from farm fields in Texas, and in remote alligator swamps in Florida. The bills are steep - between £1 and £2 a minute depending on what you're doing - and you will probably feel compelled, as I did, to make fatuous calls to your best friend on his mobile in Shetland while you're in the Grand Canyon. But you have the choice not to use the phone at all, and simply leave it on wherever you are, just in case. The ideal transatlantic travelling gadget.



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1. This Nokia phone is as little interesting to look at as other mobile phones.
2. In the world of mobile phones, it works like magic.
3. The shop near Kensington gardens was the first to begin selling it.
4. Talking about the Atlantic as 'the Pond' can cause some misunderstanding.
5. You can use this Nokia phone anywhere in America and pay at home.
6. It is easier to find an American who can say 'human' than get a mobile similar to this one.
7. British phones don't work in the USA due to different signal frequency.
8. The phone works fine and is not complicated to operate.
9. On his recent trip to America, the writer couldn't charge the phone in the Grand Canyon.
10. The temptation to use this Nokia phone to call one's best friend will be hard to resist.