

The usefulness of the mobile phone

portability	device	a tool for communication.
the event of emergencies	inventions	business purposes
will be stored	future reference	To convey

Almost everyone has one these days. It is light. It can fit in your pocket. It keeps you connected to people. It takes photographs. It is one of the most useful _____(1) of the modern age. What is it? It is the mobile phone.

The mobile phone, also known as the cell phone, is first and foremost _____(2) It functions like a telephone. However, its small size makes it possible for us to carry it with us wherever we go. Its _____(3) allows us to contact others and allows others to contact us no matter where we are. It makes it convenient for people to communicate for both social and _____(4). This _____(5) is especially useful in _____(6) such as when we get lost or when we need to tell someone something urgently.

Another useful function of the mobile phone is that it allows us to send and receive short messages. _____(7) a message, we only need to type out the message and press `send'. The message _____(8) in the recipient's phone and he or she can choose when and whether to read it. After that, the message can be kept for _____(9), sent to someone else to read or deleted. This feature is really useful for people to share information and to keep in contact.

built-in camera	bulky	useful feature
unexpectedly	In a nutshell	handy
must-have	multi-functions	unusual situations

Mobile phones today have _____(10). They do not only function as telephones. Most models of mobile phones now have another _____(11)which is the _____(12), so now we can take photographs anytime we want. Cameras are _____(13)so people do not usually carry them around all the time. A phone with camera function is _____(14). We can take photos of friends we meet _____(15), or capture pictures of funny and _____(16). Some mobile phones even have a video function so we can record an event. Best of all, we can share these photos and videos with others via the Internet.

_____ (17) , the mobile phone is one of the most useful devices ever invented. It is useful for communicating in normal circumstances and also in emergencies due to its portability. Its additional features also enable people to share information and even photographs easily. Hence, it is no wonder that everyone, from the young to the old, regard the mobile phone as a _____(18).