

Apparently we love our own cell phones, but we hate everyone else's.

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G definite article: the or no the V phones and the internet P the

## 1 VOCABULARY phones and the internet

a Complete the sentences with words from the list.

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- I Skype my sister in Australia every weekend.
- I have a great weather \_\_\_\_\_. It tells me exactly when it's going to rain.
- If you get an email from somebody you don't know, don't open any \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ is really slow – we can't watch films online.
- My friend posted a really funny \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- I can't \_\_\_\_\_ to my email account. I can't remember the password.
- If I need information, I always \_\_\_\_\_ online.

b Cross out the word in each group you can't use with the verb.

1 download	an app	a friend	a photo
2 message	a friend	your sister	a video
3 post	a photo	a book	a tweet
4 send	an email	a phone call	a text message
5 Skype	an app	a friend	your brother
6 upload	a photo	a tweet	a video

c Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs from the list.

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- When my brother wanted to get fitter, he downloaded an app that tracked how many steps he walked.
- When my niece was in Australia, she and my sister \_\_\_\_\_ three or four times a week.
- When the actor died, his son \_\_\_\_\_ a tweet to tell everyone.
- When Tom arrived in New York, he \_\_\_\_\_ his girlfriend a text message.
- When I found the video of my favourite song, I \_\_\_\_\_ it with my friends on Facebook.
- When she got back, she \_\_\_\_\_ her best holiday photos to Facebook.
- When I \_\_\_\_\_, I typed the wrong password three times, so I couldn't use the website.
- When they \_\_\_\_\_ for her name on the internet, they discovered she was a famous scientist.

## 2 GRAMMAR definite article

a Circle the correct words.

- Can you open fridge / the fridge for me, please?
- Did you go to bed / the bed early last night?
- I usually have dinner / the dinner at half past six.
- I don't like romantic films / the romantic films. They're boring.
- Excuse me, how much are shoes / the shoes in the window?
- Hamburgers / The hamburgers in this restaurant are amazing.
- Did you see moon / the moon last night? It was really beautiful.
- She's nicest / the nicest person I know.
- Vegetarians / The vegetarians don't eat meat.
- I never go to work by bus / the bus.

b Correct the mistakes in B's answers.

- A Where were you yesterday?  
B At the work.
- A What do you do?  
B I'm engineer.
- A Where's the milk?  
B In a fridge.
- A What's that?  
B A identity card.
- A How often do you go?  
B Twice the week.
- A What music do you like?  
B The rock music.
- A How did you get there?  
B By a car.
- A Where did you find it?  
B On internet.

c Complete the sentences with **the** or – (no article).

- 1 We had \_\_\_\_\_ lunch at a nice Japanese restaurant.
- 2 I learned to swim in **the** sea.
- 3 It's \_\_\_\_\_ newest model on the market.
- 4 I don't think \_\_\_\_\_ young children need smartphones.
- 5 Did you see \_\_\_\_\_ match? Manchester City won.
- 6 Did you read \_\_\_\_\_ my boyfriend's tweet?
- 7 Can you open \_\_\_\_\_ door for me, please?
- 8 We travelled by \_\_\_\_\_ train when we were in Italy.

d Complete the conversation with **the** or – (no article).

A How often do you change your phone?  
 B Quite often. I like having **the** most recent model. I usually only keep my phone for about a year.

A What do you use your phone for most?  
 B Probably **the** internet. And messaging. You know, things like WhatsApp and Messenger.

A So you don't use it much to talk to **the** people?  
 B No, not very often. I prefer to send **the** messages.

A What other apps do you use a lot?  
 B I have a sports news app because I love **the** football and Formula 1. I use that quite a lot. And I have some games I like playing. I also use Skype because **the** my brother is living in Germany at **the** moment, so I sometimes use Skype to talk to him.

A Do you like reading on your phone?  
 B It depends. I don't like reading **the** books on my phone, but I read sports articles on **the** BBC website on my way to **work**.

A Do you have any unusual apps that you sometimes use?  
 B I have a 'sleep tracker' app.

A What does **the** app do?  
 B It tells me when to go to **the** bed and when to wake up. I also have an app that counts **the** calories. It helps me plan what to have for **the** breakfast, lunch and dinner.

e What do you use your phone for? Complete the sentences for you. Write an adverb of frequency (sometimes, usually, etc.) in the first space.

- 1 I sometimes share **photos of my cats on Facebook**.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ upload \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ message \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ Skype \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ send \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ post \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ download \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ search \_\_\_\_\_.

3 PRONUNCIATION **the**

a Say the pairs of words and decide if **the** is pronounced the same or different. Write **S** (same) or **D** (different).

1 the song	the video	<b>S</b>
2 the letter	the email	<b>D</b>
3 the message	the tweet	—
4 the art gallery	the museum	—
5 the app	the internet	—
6 the milk	the orange juice	—
7 the architect	the engineer	—
8 the keys	the umbrella	—

b 11.3 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.



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