

Mobile phones

earpiece

hash key

keypad

microphone

(or mouthpiece)

screen

star key



Mobile Phone networks

contract

pay-as-you-go

top up

installed

SIM card

users

networks

roaming

operators

tariffs

In Britain there are several mobile phone ¹_____ including Vodafone, O2, T-mobile and Orange. There are also ²_____ like Virgin Mobile who use the network of another company.

When you buy a cell phone, you have a choice of ³_____. The most popular is "⁴_____", with customers paying for their calls in advance. They can ⁵_____ their accounts in shops, over the internet, and at cash machines. Heavy ⁶_____ may prefer a ⁷_____. They pay a fixed amount every month, but the calls are much cheaper than they are for pay-as-you-go customers.

Mobile phones usually come with a ⁸_____ already ⁹_____. If you take the phone abroad, you may be able to use it on a local network. This is called "¹⁰_____". It can be expensive, and it may be cheaper to buy a foreign SIM card.

Choose the best word.

1. After 6pm, calls cost 20p _____ minute
a. for one b. per c. each
2. You can't use a mobile in a cave because there's no _____.
a. network b. connection c. power
3. I need to charge up my mobile phone battery. Have you seen my _____?
a. charger b. recharger c. charging machine
4. When you send a text message, the _____ function can help you write it more quickly.
a. predicting text b. predictive text c. text predictor
5. In the car, it's safer to use a _____ phone.
a. handless b. no hands c. hands-free
6. If you don't want to dial a number by mistake, turn on the _____.
a. keypad locker b. keypad lock c. locker of keypad
7. Which network has the lowest _____?
a. call charges b. call costs c. call expenses
8. My pay-as-you-go account _____ is about £7.
a. balance b. level c. amount
9. My average call _____ is about two minutes.
a. time b. length c. duration
10. We're a long way from the nearest _____ ...
a. broadcaster b. antenna c. transmitter
11. ...so the _____ is very weak.
a. sign b. signal c. transmission

Which is not possible?

12. I'll call her on my...
a. mobile phone b. cell phone c. moving phone d. cellular phone
13. A mobile phone can't work without a...
a. SIM card b. sim card c. sim chip d. similar card
14. Don't forget to send me...
a. a text message b. a text c. an SMS d. a phone message
15. When I arrive, I'll...
a. text you b. textualise you c. send you an SMS d. send you a text