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Can't give it up

Cell phones are so convenient that they're an inconvenience.
Haruki Murakami, Japanese author

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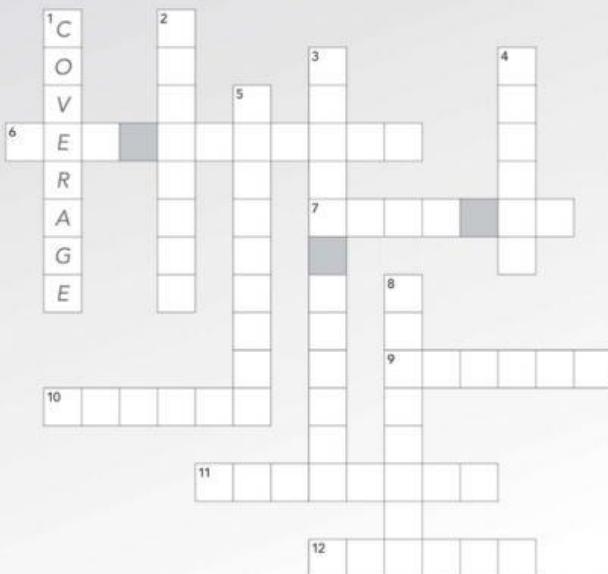
1 VOCABULARY phones and technology

a Circle the correct word.

- 1 I added Jamie's number to my contacts / settings so that I could call him that evening.
- 2 It's going to be expensive to call my sister in Canada, so I need to hang up / top up my phone before I make the call.
- 3 I asked the receptionist to get through / put me through to the manager, but she was in a meeting.
- 4 I keep getting the same pop-up / update on my computer screen advertising Mediterranean cruises.
- 5 When I bought my new laptop, I chose one with a normal screen / touch screen because I find it easier writing with a keyboard and a mouse.
- 6 Broadband / Wi-fi is a system for connecting computers to the internet without using wires.
- 7 I have to send a lot of emails, so I bought an external keyboard / keypad to use with my tablet.
- 8 When you stream / download music, you can't save the songs on your phone.
- 9 Don't forget to switch off / unplug your phone before the film starts.
- 10 The password / passcode for my phone is a four-digit number.
- 11 You need to scroll / swipe left to turn off the alarm.
- 12 I tried to call you, but I couldn't get a good coverage / signal – my parents live in the middle of nowhere.



b Complete the crossword.



DOWN ↓

- 1 the quality of the connection in a particular place
- 2 the place on a phone where you can choose the way that it works or looks
- 3 a screen on a phone which allows you to give instructions using your finger
- 4 disconnect a device from the power supply
- 5 a way of connecting a computer to the internet, which allows you to receive information quickly
- 8 a series of letters or numbers that you must type into a computer in order to be able to use it

ACROSS →

- 6 to make contact with somebody by phone
- 7 to end a phone conversation by putting the receiver down or switching the phone off
- 9 to move text on a screen up or down so that you can read different parts of it
- 10 a small set of buttons with numbers on used to operate a phone
- 11 copy data (e.g. videos or songs) from one computer system to another, typically over the internet
- 12 an improvement to a computer program or an app

2 PRONUNCIATION /æ/ and /ʌ/

a 6.3 Listen and complete the pairs of sentences.

- 1 a My phone's run out of credit – I should have topped it up.
b I don't mind doing internet banking, but I don't want to use an an.
- 2 a I was just about to fall asleep when my phone rang.
b Julia was starting to get worried because her boyfriend hadn't arrived.
- 3 a I managed to print my CV before the ink in the printer ran out.
b I can't find any tea bags – we must have run out.
- 4 a I couldn't talk to my dad because my mum had already arrived.
b If you don't stop shouting, I'm going to arrive.
- 5 a I can't do any work because my computer has just crashed.
b They survived the accident, but their car was completely wrecked.

b 6.3 Listen again and repeat the highlighted phrases. Pay attention to the pronunciation of /æ/ and /ʌ/.

3 VOCABULARY FROM READING

A beginner's guide to divorcing your phone

Complete the sentences.

- 1 I thought my husband would have had a meltdown when our son failed his exams, but he dealt with it very well.
- 2 I cringed when I think of the clothes I wore as a teenager – some of my outfits were really embarrassing.
- 3 My grandmother's health took a turn for the worse last year, and now she's in a care home.
- 4 I usually sit and flip through the magazines while I'm waiting to see the dentist.
- 5 Hannah had a pen and paper to hand, so she wrote down the name of the book I recommended.

4 GRAMMAR conditional sentences

a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 If Simon didn't have such a demanding job, he wouldn't get so stressed. (have)
- 2 You can't afford to use your new phone unless you charge it first. (not be able)
- 3 I wouldn't have woken you up if you hadn't slept. (not snore)
- 4 Would you buy a new car if you could afford it? (buy)
- 5 We'd be starving by now if we hadn't eaten something before we left home. (not eat)
- 6 Lily hadn't called us by now if she wasn't having a good time at summer camp. (call)
- 7 Matt wouldn't have asked Monica to have dinner with him tonight if he hadn't liked her. (like)
- 8 They are so short of money now if they hadn't taken out such a big mortgage to buy their house. (not be)

b Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. Use the word in brackets.

- 1 I'll go to the party with you if we don't stay until the end. (long)
I'll go to the party with you so long as we don't stay until the end.
- 2 We didn't know you were at home, otherwise we would have called in. (known)
Had we known, we would have called in.
- 3 What would we do if we missed our flight? (supposing)
What would we do, what would we do?
- 4 I'm going to go out tonight even if you don't like it. (whether)
I'm going to go out tonight, whether you like it or not.
- 5 You can borrow my bike if you look after it. (provided)
Provided you look after it, you can borrow it.
- 6 We'll have to get a new sofa, whether we can afford it or not. (even)
We'll have to get a new sofa, even if we can't afford it.
- 7 If you finish the report by Friday, you can have Monday off. (condition)
You can have Monday off if you finish the report by Friday.
- 8 We said the children could stay up if they didn't make too much noise. (as)
We said the children could stay up as they didn't make too much noise.

c Complete the sentences in your own words.

- 1 If I had to go without my phone for a week, I'd have a meltdown.
- 2 I wouldn't mind working at the weekend, on condition _____.
- 3 I wouldn't answer my phone when I was driving, even if _____.
- 4 Had I switched off my phone, _____.
- 5 I wouldn't tell anyone my passcode, whether _____.
- 6 Supposing I had my laptop stolen, _____.
- 7 I'll stay with my current service provider as long as _____.
- 8 I don't mind people playing video games, provided _____.

5 LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT obsessions

Complete the sentences with a phrase from the list.

always talking are really into every single getting a bit out of hand going on and on about has a thing about have a bit of an obsession with

- 1 Debbie and her sister are really into yoga. They spend an hour every morning doing exercises.
- 2 Eddie's model plane collection is _____ – there's nowhere to put anything in his room.
- 3 My wife has seen _____ film made by Tim Burton – that's at least 25!
- 4 A friend of mine _____ elephants. She even has an elephant tattoo!
- 5 My neighbours _____ going to the gym. They spend a couple of hours there every evening.
- 6 I wish I'd never asked Harry about his trip – he spent the whole evening _____ it.
- 7 My nephew is fascinated by trains. He's _____ about them.



6 VOCABULARY adjectives + prepositions

a Match the sentence halves. Complete the sentences with a preposition.

- 1 I'm fed up g.
- 2 My sister is very trendy – she's obsessed _____.
- 3 My parents are so attached _____.
- 4 Most people today are aware _____.
- 5 Many women used to be dependent _____.
- 6 My boss said he was open _____.
- 7 I dislike cooking, so I'm not keen _____.
- 8 Most of us are addicted _____.

a _____ suggestions for how to improve productivity.

b _____ the problem of plastic pollution.

c _____ self-catering holidays.

d _____ sugar without realizing it.

e _____ their house that they'll never move.

f _____ their husbands financially.

g with _____ the depressing stories in the news recently.

h _____ the world of fashion.

b Complete the sentences with a preposition.



- 1 My sister is mad about netball. She plays in two teams and coaches another one.
- 2 We're all completely hooked _____ a new detective series on Netflix.
- 3 Emily is sick _____ listening to her husband moaning about his job.
- 4 This toy is unsuitable _____ children under the age of three.
- 5 We complained to the restaurant manager because we were dissatisfied _____ the service.
- 6 Some people say we should be suspicious _____ pharmaceutical companies.
- 7 We're so accustomed _____ politicians not answering questions that we no longer even notice.