

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can*, *could*, or *be able to*.

Example: We were so hungry we couldn't wait for dinner, so we ordered pizza.

- 1 I _____ swim when I was five. My dad taught me.
- 2 We're very sorry, but we _____ come to the wedding. We'll be on vacation.
- 3 Would you like _____ play a musical instrument?
- 4 He opened his present before his birthday because he _____ wait!
- 5 After living here for four months, I _____ understand a lot of Japanese now.
- 6 _____ you lend me a pen, please? I've forgotten mine.
- 7 I've never _____ sing well, but my brother has a beautiful voice.
- 8 I _____ read this menu without my glasses. Can you read it to me, please?
- 9 We're free tonight, so we'll _____ come and help you if you like.
- 10 My sister _____ ride a horse since she was four!

2 Complete the sentences with *have to*, *don't have to*, *must*, *must not*, *should*, or *shouldn't*.

Example: We'll have to leave early tomorrow morning.

- 1 I always _____ stand up on the train because there are no seats.
- 2 You really _____ eat in class, but I'll let you do it this time.
- 3 Where do you think we _____ stay in Boston? In a hotel or a B&B?
- 4 There's a lot of trash in that lake. You _____ swim in it!
- 5 You _____ pay to get into that museum – it's free.
- 6 We'll _____ leave early in the morning if we want to get home before dark.
- 7 It's a great movie. You really _____ go and see it.
- 8 Great! It's a holiday tomorrow – we _____ go to work.
- 9 You _____ drive on the right in Europe (except in the UK).
- 10 Do we _____ get up early tomorrow?

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the missing word in each sentence.

Example: I'm busy right now. Please can I call you **back** in 10 minutes?

- 1 I don't use **v**_____ for messages. I normally send a text instead.
- 2 The **r**_____ on Zack's phone is really annoying. He should change it.
- 3 Hello. Yes, I left a **m**_____ for the doctor last week, but I haven't heard back.
- 4 I'm trying to call my piano teacher, but the line's **b**_____.
- 5 I don't think she **h**_____ up. I think her train went into a tunnel and she lost reception.
- 6 I'm **t**_____ Fahad about tonight. What time can we meet him?
- 7 I'm trying to talk to my phone company, but they've put me on **h**_____.
- 8 Hi, Mark. Sorry, we were **c**_____ off. The reception is better here — please continue.
- 9 Keziah's phone **w**_____ off in the movie theater, and the woman next to us was upset.
- 10 I'm just **sw**_____ through my photos to find a video I want to show you.

READING

1 Read the article and check (✓) A, B, or C.

It really annoys me when people claim smartphones are a bad thing. Can't they remember what life was like without them? Did we live in a "golden age" where families had polite conversations and played happily in green fields? No! We did the exact same things as we do now. I loved an old board game called Hero Quest; now I love World of Warcraft — it's the same fun! We talked to our friends on landlines for hours and filled our heads with information from magazines and newspapers. The behavior is the same, but today we do it with fewer devices and much, *much* less paper. And don't get me started on photos. Not so very long ago, people had to take photos using analog cameras. You couldn't even see the pictures for days because you had to pay someone to develop them for you. And then we stored them in photo albums that were so big most people couldn't lift them.

So, I am a fan of the smartphone. But the biggest fans of all are the people of India. The Indian smartphone market grew by 18% in 2016 — that's a faster increase than anywhere else in the world. Internet access using cell phones is 80% in India, again the world's highest, with Indonesia in second place at 73%. Compare that to the UK where more than half of Internet connection is via desktop computers.

Interestingly, many people in India choose to buy simpler 4G phones instead of smartphones. In part, that's because of poor reception in rural areas. But this has led to a very competitive market, with Indian companies going head to head with larger Chinese phone producers. Data charges actually went down by 20% last year! Phone companies are opening new stores all over India because, unlike Chinese shoppers, most Indians choose to buy their phones using cash in stores rather than online.

So smartphones can keep us connected, but could they also keep us healthy? A recent report found that mHealth could save one billion dollars each year in India alone. The idea of "mHealth" is simple — it means the use of cell (or "mobile") phone initiatives in health care. And it's easy to see the possibilities. An app could tell people in cities if the pollution in the air is good or bad. Patients who live outside towns and cities won't have to travel miles to find expert medical advice. Instead, doctors will be able to see many more patients by using mobile health data and video chats. People already carry their music, photos, and bank details on their phone. It makes sense that all our health data should be there, too.

So, the next time someone tells you cell phones are dangerous, or rude, or turning young people into zombies, tell them they should think again.

Example: The author finds some people's attitude to smartphones annoying.
A True ☒ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

1 The author thinks smartphones have changed people's behavior.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 The author didn't spend much time talking on the phone to friends.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

3 The author can't remember the last time he or she read a newspaper.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

- 4 In India, Internet access using desktop computers is lower than in the UK.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 5 India and Indonesia have similar levels of cell phone use.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 6 Simpler phones are popular in India because of cheap data charges.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 7 It's expensive for countries to set up mHealth initiatives.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 8 The ideas behind mHealth are easy to understand, even if you're not a doctor.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 9 One benefit is that mHealth could increase the number of patients each doctor sees.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

WRITING

Write a short paragraph about the statement below, whether you agree or disagree. Give reasons. (100 words minimum)

"The world is becoming ruder. People should be more polite."

LISTENING

1 Listen to the conversation about playing a musical instrument. Who said the following? Write A (Aaron) or F (Francesca) or N (Neither).

- 1 The children's singing is better than before. _____
- 2 I didn't have a teacher. _____
- 3 I can't read music at all. _____
- 4 You should practice once a week. _____
- 5 I'm not worried about joining the singing group. _____

2 Listen to five conversations. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 Alex thinks the woman on Millie's bus was _____.
 A selfish ☐ B inconsiderate ☐ C horrible ☐
- 2 According to Emma, Pablo should _____ at the wedding.
 A wear casual clothes ☐ B copy the father of the bride ☐ C give money as a gift ☐
- 3 The tour guide says that a cash tip is usual _____.
 A in smaller stores ☐ B for taxi drivers ☐ C for smaller amounts ☐
- 4 Josh is unhappy because Jim wants to _____.
 A watch a video ☐ B send a work email ☐ C take a video ☐
- 5 Michael thinks Manuela _____ change contracts now.
 A ought to ☐ B shouldn't ☐ C isn't allowed to ☐