

# 1 VOCABULARY phone language

## a Match the words from the list to definitions 1–12.

call back cut sb off dial engaged / busy go off  
hang up leave a message put sb on hold ringtone  
swipe text / message voicemail

- 1 to send sb a message using a mobile phone  
text / message
- 2 to make a caller wait until the person they want to talk to is free  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 to phone sb again or phone sb who called you earlier  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 to start ringing  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 to record information for sb to listen to later  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 an electronic system that can store messages so that you can listen to them later  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 to stop or interrupt sb's phone conversation  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 to push the buttons on a phone to call a number  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 the sound your phone makes when sb is calling you  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 to move content across a screen using your finger  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 11 meaning that a phone is in use and can't be called  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 12 to end a phone conversation and put the phone down  
\_\_\_\_\_

## b Complete the sentences with the words from a.

- 1 I wanted to speak to my boss personally, so I didn't leave a message.
- 2 If I give you my phone, you can \_\_\_\_\_ through my holiday photos.
- 3 We turned off our phones at the start of the film to make sure they didn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 We were \_\_\_\_\_ when the train I was on went into a tunnel.
- 5 I need to choose another \_\_\_\_\_ because I never hear the one I've got.
- 6 I couldn't talk to my bank because the phone was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 When you call big companies they often \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time.
- 8 John isn't answering his phone, so I'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ later.
- 9 Did you listen to your \_\_\_\_\_ last night? I left you a message.
- 10 I usually \_\_\_\_\_ when companies call me to try to sell me something.
- 11 I don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ my friends' numbers because they're all in my contacts.
- 12 Can you \_\_\_\_\_ your brother and tell him we're going to be late?

