

USING MOBILE PHONES

Read the text and choose the correct word.

Nowadays, just about everyone has a mobile phone. This wonderful invention enables people to stay (0)_____ touch with others at any time of day or night and no (1)_____ where they are. It has brought people closer and it (2)_____ certainty have saved lives by enabling immediate contact with the emergency services.

It also, on the other (3)_____ has its disadvantages. Perhaps the most obvious of (4)_____ is the sound of people talking loudly into their phone on public transport, apparently unaware (5)_____ how much they are disturbing other travelers. This is now starting to happen even on airplanes, where until recently passengers (6)_____ always told to keep their cell phones switched off.

Quite (7)_____ from the annoyance they cause, those who shout into their phones in public (8)_____ also be taking unnecessary risks. It is amazing (9)_____ often people talk about highly personal subjects, including money matters, when they have no idea (10)_____ might be listening in their every word.

Firstly, there is the sound of other people's ringtones, all too often (11)_____ maximum volume. The owner of the phone may think their choice of music is cool, but everyone around them probably just wishes they (13)_____ turn it down - or off.

