

CELLPHONES

Cell phones have become an extremely popular device used for daily living. **These¹ devices** can take and send pictures and videos instantly, as well as connect to the web for surfing. Many people, even children have the potential to do many tasks, such as looking for information of any type. *However*, they can also expose us to unfavourable situations.

- **Prons**

Easy access to the web: Most cell phones allow users to connect to the internet without utilizing a computer. *Besides*, this technology is really beneficial because people don't have difficulty when searching for essential data.

Constant communication between parents and children. Cell phones allow parents and their children to stay in touch. *Besides*, they can also be important in emergency situations when parents need to quickly *get in touch* with their children or vice versa.

Powerful learning tools: They are powerful learning tools because of the latest features and applications put in mobile phones these days, children learn a lot of things from it.

- **Cons**

Increase cheating at school: Using cell phones to cheat in exams has become a big issue in many schools. Students are now able to text answers under their desks even find the answers using a search engine on their phones.

Distraction: Especially among children, cell phones can be very distracting from more important events **they²** should do, such as studying, doing homework or *even* crossing the street.

Addiction. Accept **it³**—we are addicted to our mobile phones, and the idea of leaving them at home or turning them off would give us instant anxiety.

Increase risk level. Texting while driving has already caused millions of death from traffic accidents each year.



I. What type of text is this? a) Narrative b) Informative c) Descriptive

II. Complete the following statements by filling in the blanks.

1. Cell phones can _____ and _____ pictures.
2. They can _____ us to unfavorable _____.
3. This Technology is _____ because people don't have difficulties when searching for data.
4. Cell phones can be _____ from more important events they should do.
5. _____ while driving has caused millions of _____ from traffic accidents.

III. Who or what these words refer to?

- 1) These: _____
- 2) they : _____
- 3) it : _____

IV. Answer the following questions.

1. What's the best meaning for "**get in touch**"? a) to ignore b) to contact c) to discuss
2. What's a synonym for "**potential**"? a) possible b) power c) promising

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3. What's the best title for the text? Choose **ONE**

- a) The advantages and disadvantages of cell phones.
- b) Good and bad news about cell phones.
- c) Essential pros and cons of cell phones.

CLOSE UP: In few words, write a paragraph explaining two pros and cons you find in using your phone.

V- Choose the correct one of all the options.

APP	FUNCTION
	buy goods online.
	chat with people.
	download apps.
	send and receive emails.
	learn about the weather.
	take part in online quizzes
	search for information
	design presentations and images.
	listen to music.
	attend synchronic lessons / meetings.

VI- Choose the correct option to make a sentence:

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