



Are mobile phones our new accessories?

1. Be honest and answer these questions.

How many times do you use your phone on an average day?

- a. I don't use it at all. b. I just check my messages. c. I don't have a phone d. a couple of times.

What apps do you use most frequently?

Could you live without your phone?

- a. No, I would not survive. b. Yes, definitely. c. If I have to. d. I would be better without it.

2. Put the words into the sentences.

have considered keeping made tapping searching have begun realize use

Let me start with a story. I once _____¹ a promise to myself not to _____² one of the apps on my phone for a whole month. It was an app which I used almost all the time. I even deleted the app from my screen, so that I wouldn't have the option of _____³ on it. The day started, do you know what happened when I reached out to my phone? I subconsciously tapped on the place where its icon used to be. I was shocked. I kept _____⁴ for it every time I unlocked my phone.

This automatic movement made me _____⁵ I had been addicted to my phone, although I _____⁶ always _____⁶ myself a conscious mobile phone user. Let's face the fact that you probably could not name one person around you who does not possess one - or maybe more than one - mobile phones.

Undoubtedly, mobile phones have many advantages for example great apps for learning languages, watching films or even _____⁷ in touch with our distant relatives or friends. One phonecall for the right person can lend a helping hand in many situations. However, over the time disadvantages _____⁸ to pile up and become more significant than before.

3. Answer the questions.

1. What did she do in order to prevent tapping on the icon?

2. How often did she try to open it?

3. What did she realize?

4. What are the advantages of having a phone?

5. How can a phone call help you?

4. Find these sentences in the text.

Valószínűleg meg sem tudnál nevezni a körülötted lévő emberek közül, akinek nincs a birtokában egy vagy talán több mobil telefon.

Tudod mi történt, amikor nyúltam a telefonoméért?

Ez az automatikus mozdulat megértette velem, hogy telefon függővé váltam.

5. Match to their meanings.

more significant	nyúl valamiért
reach out	kétségtelenül
subconsciously	feloldom a telefonom
unlocked my phone	felhalmozódik
pile up	tudat alatt
undoubtedly	jelentősebb

6. Translate.

Undoubtedly, mobile phones have many advantages.

I subconsciously tapped on the place where its icon used to be.

It has piled up and became more significant.

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct forms!

Design and appearance can be ____¹ (attract) in many areas of our lives. Electronic gadgets are no ____² (except) to this at all. Sleek, elegant, easy to handle are just a few of the many features that we could list.

These gadgets are ____³ (design) to be glued to our hands 24/7.

Let's go for a walk and observe the people at the bus stop. I am sure that ____⁴ (many) of them will have their phone in

their hand, or they will be in a middle of a ____⁵

(converse). In a strange way it can give a

secure ____⁶ (feel) since how awkward would

it be to just stand by

____⁷ (you) and stare in front of you?!

Did you know that according to some surveys, we have a tendency to check our phones around 150 times

a day? It is ____⁸ (scare), isn't it? What's more, there is

a huge chance that you are ____⁹ (read) this article on your

phone, aren't you? It is not as bad as it seems, though.

If you find the golden way, you will ____¹⁰ (conscious) control your

„life-phone“ balance and it won't destroy your relationships. Take

advantage of the ____¹¹ (benefit) features of smart phones, but do not forget

to maintain your real friendships.

