

Mobile phones

Student's sheet

How many things can you do with a mobile phone? In groups, think of as many as you can. Collect all your ideas. Here are some things people do with their mobile phone:

- They tell their families where they are.
- They have conversations.
- They flirt.
- They play games.
- They use it as a clock.
- They use it to wake up.
- They use it as a calendar.
- They say hello.
- They go on the Internet.
- They find out football results.
- They find out if they won the lottery.
- They send text messages.
- They take pictures.
- They send birthday greetings.
- They find the way.
- They pay for parking.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Now pick 4 things from the list about and do a class survey.

	Always	Sometimes	Never
Example: Do you use your mobile phone to go on the Internet?			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Report the results of the survey to the class. What is the most surprising result?

Example: Four people sometimes use their mobile phones to go on the Internet, but one person never does.

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Preparation:

Copy the worksheet for each student or pair of students.

In class:

Before giving the worksheet to the students, ask them in pairs or small groups to think of as many things as possible that you can do with a mobile phone. Ask them to list these and then collect all the ideas in class. It does not matter how silly the ideas are! You could use a mobile phone as a paperweight or to throw at someone!

Hand out the worksheet. Students can add their own ideas to the list on the worksheet.

Carry out a class survey. Make sure students know how to write the appropriate questions and answers for the survey: *Do you use your mobile to go on the Internet? Yes, sometimes. / No, never.* Give examples or write them on the board if necessary.

Divide up all the ideas among the students, individually or in pairs. Let the students choose the four ideas they like best. Students fill in the table with these ideas and then find out how often members of the class do these things. They report back using sentences such as: *10 people never use their mobile to find the way.*

Collect the results of the survey on the board. What is the most surprising result?