

**Task 1.** Watch this short film and guess the topic of today's class:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OINa46HeWg8>

'I Forgot My Phone' by [charstarleneTV](#) (access date 10.10.2015)

**Task 2.** Discuss in groups: Can you imagine your life without a mobile phone?

**Task 3.** Complete the blanks with articles (a/an/the/-), pronouns and prepositions.

## Advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones

Mobile phones have become 1. \_\_\_ important part of today's modern world. They seem to be everywhere in most social groups. Nevertheless, that fact does not mean that such phones have only advantages. They have both 2. \_\_\_ vice and 3. \_\_\_ virtue.

As far as the pluses 4. \_\_\_ mobile phones are concerned, there is a great number of them. Firstly, they provide us with an easy contact with others. For example, wives call their husbands to inform 5. \_\_\_ what groceries to buy on their way home, parents are able to control their children. You may always call or write your 6. \_\_\_ family if you are going to be late, so that they do not worry about you. Secondly, people, and especially drivers, keep mobile phones for the sake of safety; it takes seconds to call 7. \_\_\_ ambulance in an emergency. Thirdly, that technological device helps teenagers, as well as adults and children, socialise. Friends use 8. \_\_\_ mobiles to arrange meetings or just to gossip. Finally, apart from being a handy device, modern cell phones offer a variety of functions that a lot of owners go crazy 9. \_\_\_. They provide us with an easy access to 10. \_\_\_ internet, they contain games, calculators, cameras, radio, mp3 songs and many many more.

Unfortunately, that wonderful and convenient technological device has its vice, too. Most of all, mobile phones are regarded as dangerous because 11. \_\_\_ radiation. They may be 12. \_\_\_ cause of brain tumours. 13. \_\_\_ addition, drivers talking on their mobiles contribute to the growing number of road accidents. What is more, with your phone on during a thunderstorm, you are prone to be hit 14. \_\_\_ thunder and get killed! Another minus of having a mobile phone, although not so serious as the previous ones, is the money you must pay 15. \_\_\_ using it. Parents whose children are irresponsible and overuse their mobiles, must pay huge sums of 16. \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ money. No doubt, such 17. \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ mothers or fathers do not find it advantageous.

All in all, mobile phones can be, simultaneously, convenient in everyday life and destructive to home budget. They can save people's lives, but 18. \_\_\_ may also cause death or serious illnesses. Like everything 19. \_\_\_ the world, mobile phones have both advantages and disadvantages.

**The key:**

1. an 2.- 3.- 4.of 5. them 6.- 7.an 8. -/their 9. about 10. the 11. of 12. a 13. in 14. by 15. for 16. - 17. - 18. they 19. in

**Task 4.** Do you have a nice or funny ringtone? Let's listen together.