

PART 1: read the text below and do the activities that ensue

Scientists have believed for **a while** that mobiles, mobile phone masts and another technology is **harmful** to our health, due to the exposure of radiation. Scientists at the very least think mobile phones should be used as little as possible. They think it is better to be **cautious** about using mobiles and a lot of scientists believe they are harmful to your health. Mobile phones are particularly bad for children. The phone companies will tell you that they are **safe**. But remember they are selling a product so they are hardly going to put you off buying their product by telling you it is unsafe. Where there is a lot of money involved there tends to be corruption. So don't think that they or the government, who get a tax of the money from the use of masts and mobile phones that are put up, have your best interests in mind.

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After all people said that smoking, asbestos, a medication called Thalidomide, pesticides and so on were either safe or wouldn't cause you serious harm. However they were wrong as they caused cancer, disability and terrible illnesses. think technology will be to the next generation what drink, smoking and drugs have been to previous generations. In fact research claims mobile phones could kill more people than smoking.

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Wireless (wi-fi) can cause headaches, nausea, **tiredness** and memory loss in some people. Technology can be particularly hazardous if you are sensitive to it. We have so much technology now there is 24 hour television, computers, Nintendo games, phones and so on. It is not just mobiles but Dect phones (cordless) too and on top of all this there is **wireless** as well.

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Electrical **gadgets** in the bedroom can also cause **insomnia**. It is best to have no electronic items in your bedroom. But if you can't do without them at least make sure you don't have a computer, cordless phone or mobile in your bedroom or at least make sure that are turned off.

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Cordless phones **emit** a high amount of radiation; this is because they have to be on all the time so that the phone can be charged up. If you didn't do this the phone wouldn't work. So keep your technology use to a limited amount of time each day. Particularly keep your use of mobile phones to a minimum and use a **landline** instead, because mobile phones can cause cancerous brain tumours if they are used for a long period of time over the years.

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Always remember that your health is very important as you might find you are unable to return to good health once you have lost it. To **find out** more about protecting yourself from these dangers visit www.wiredchild.org.

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A- Comprehension check: read the text again and say who or what the following words

refer to. Example 1-they = scientists 1. they (line 3) 2. They (line 6) -3. It (line 7) -
4.them(line 20) 5. your (line 21) 6. this (line 22) 7, it(line 28)

B- Vocabulary: read the text and match the words in column A with their synonyms in the column B like in the example . **1- F**

column A	column B
1- a while (line 1)	a- without wires
2- harmful (line 2)	b- discover
3- cautious (line 3)	c- release
4- safe (line 5)	d- careful
5- tiredness (line 15)	e- secure
6- wireless (line 18)	f- some time
7- gadgets (line 19)	g- sleep problems
8- insomnia (line 19)	h- objects or tools
9- emit (line 21)	i- dangerous
10- landline (line 25)	j- exhaustion
11- find out (line 28)	k- phone with wires

Part two: language in use

Task 1: the short paragraph below is about BoB's everyday handicap, read and fill in with words in the box. Example: **1- challenging**

neighbourhood - unfamiliar - many - language - accompany - in - Say- ~~challenging~~
than - financially- self-esteem

Everything is **1**..... for someone who can't see. I have been lucky because my parents are both **2**..... teachers so they taught me at home. Today I have a job as an interpreter and I am **3**..... independent, which is extremely important for my **4**..... My social life is complicated because there are **5**..... activities that I can't participate **6**..... This makes me suffer more **7**..... the practical difficulties of everyday life. Of course, there are a lot of these. I'd **8**..... that the most difficult thing is moving around in **9**..... places, especially in crowded streets. For this reason, I tend to stick to my **10**..... where people know me. There's always someone to offer assistance. And if I have to travel, I ask someone to **11**..... me

PART THREE: WRITING

Your name is Binta Ndale, you live in Cameroun Douala, since the beginning of the month of November, there has been a long period of water cut in your neighbourhood, as the youth leader of the neighbourhood, you are asked by the students' committee to write a letter of complaint to the water company. In the letter you will explain the difficulties you have endured without running water in the taps.

Your address is : Po Box 6547, Douala

The water company Board's address is: Po Box 1247, Douala