

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.

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.

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.

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, the advice is to make sure you don't have a computer, cordless phone or mobile in your bedroom or at least make sure that are turned off.

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 tumors if they are used for a long period of time over the years.

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.

Source : internet.

A- 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

B. Comprehension questions: read the text again and answer to the questions below.

1. What do scientists think about the use of mobile phones?
2. Why do phone companies say that mobile phones are safe?
3. Mention two health problems caused by technology according to the text.
4. What advice is given to people who cannot avoid using technology?
5. Find in the text: •a synonym of "careful" (line 3) •an antonym of "dangerous" (line 6)

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**

many - language - ~~challenging~~ - than - financially

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. My social life is complicated because there are **4**..... activities that I can't participate, this makes me suffer more **5**..... the practical difficulties of everyday life.

Task 2: Complete the sentences with *used to* or *would*. Example: **1-used to**

1. When people were less aware of radiation, they..... use their phones all day long.
2. Before the invention of mobile phones, we..... write letters to communicate.
3. My parents.....believe that technology was completely safe.
4. When I was a child, I..... outside each day instead of watching TV.
5. Everyday People.....not worry about the effects of mobile phones years ago.

PART THREE: WRITING

Since the beginning of the month of October, there has been a long period of water cut in your neighborhood, your parents asked you to write a letter of complaint to the water company SODECI. In the letter you will explain the difficulties you have endured without running water in the taps.