

Talking about mobile phones

- 1 (3.18) Read and listen to the dialogue. What does Ryan think of Ben's mobile phone deal?



Ryan Hi Ben. Is that your new mobile phone?
 Ben Yes, it is. What do you think?
 Ryan It's a touch screen. Nice. Has it got wifi?
 Ben Yes, it has. I can go on the internet whenever I want to.
 Ryan Does it come in any other colour than silver?
 Ben Yes, you can also have it in black, pink or blue.
 Ryan Are you on contract or pay as you go?
 Ben I'm on a contract. It works out cheaper that way.
 Ryan How long is the contract for?
 Ben 24 months. Then I can change to another company if I want to.
 Ryan How many free minutes have you got?
 Ben 300. And unlimited text messages.
 Ryan Did you get any other free gifts?
 Ben Yes, they gave me an MP3 player with the phone.
 Ryan Really? So, how much do you pay per month?
 Ben Fifteen pounds.
 Ryan Well, you've got a pretty good deal there. Do you think they'd give me the same one?
 Ben I don't know. You'll have to call them and ask!

- 2 Read the dialogue again and put the information in the order it appears in the dialogue.

length of contract	☐	cost per month	☐
free gifts	☐	type of contract	☐
applications	☐	minutes / texts	☐
colour	☐		

- 3 (3.19) Listen to two friends discussing a text message. Which message are they talking about?

1

Hi m8 u ok?
 Wt tym is
 BBQ 2nite?
 Wt shl i
 brng? CU
 L8R

2

Soz 4gt 2
 cal u lst nyt.
 Y dnt we
 go 2 cnma
 2moro? WB

3

Thx 4 ur
 msg. Sumr
 cmp is gr8
 fun. C u Mon

- 4 (3.19) Listen again and write out the complete message.

- 5 Look at the messages again. Find the text word for these words and phrases.

1 message	_____	7 sorry	_____
2 what	_____	8 your	_____
3 great	_____	9 thanks	_____
4 barbecue	_____	10 tonight	_____
5 tomorrow	_____	11 mate	_____
6 last	_____	12 see you later	_____

LOOK OUT!

The aim of text language is to reduce the number of characters needed in your message. Single letters can be used to replace words, for example:
b = be, u = you, r = are, c = see and y = why
 Single digits can also be used to replace words or syllables, for example:
2 = to, 4 = for and 8 = ate
 Another device used is to remove some of the vowels from a word, for example:
cnma = cinema, dnt = don't and sumr = summer

- 6 Read the information in the **Look out!** box. Write the reply below to text message 2 in text language.

Hi mate.
 Thanks for your message.
 I'm busy tomorrow.
 Why don't we see a film tonight?
 Please call me.

- 7 Work in pairs. Look at the three options. Which mobile phone would you like to have? Why? Discuss your choice with your partner.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Length of contract	12 months	24 months	Pay as you go
Colour	Blue / black	Silver / black / pink / red	White / black / silver
Cost per month	£18	£15	Whatever you use
Free gifts	Football	MP3 player	Nothing
Applications	Internet, camera	Radio, camera	camera, internet
Minutes / texts	250 mins / 150 texts	200 mins / 180 texts	400 mins / 250 texts

- 8 Act out your dialogue to the class.