

# Vocabulary Associated with Phones

## Teacher's Notes

**Description:** Whether one loves them, hates them, or is utterly dependent on them as so many of our students are, phones are a prominent feature in both our personal and professional lives. And like so many other topics in English, they come with an array of of tricky but extremely useful vocabulary of their very own. The exercises in this activity sheet help to familiarise students with Vocabulary Associated with Phones, offering them fun and varied practice, both alone and with a partner.

**Aim:** To practise Vocabulary Associated with Phones through a series of written and communicative exercises.

**Procedure:** Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

**Exercise A:** Students begin by matching the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings.

answer key:

1. d      2. e      3. a      4. j      5. h      6. i      7. c      8. f      9. g      10. b

**Exercise B:** Next, students match the phrasal verbs in bold from the previous exercise with the correct definitions below.

answer key:

1. pick up                      2. speak up                      3. turn off                      4. hold on                      5. hang up  
6. get through                      7. put through                      8. top up                      9. call back                      10. go off

**Exercise C:** After this, students complete sentences with other verbs commonly associated with telephones, putting the verbs in the correct form.

answer key:

1. dialled                      2. rang                      3. tapping                      4. check                      5. charge

**Exercise D:** Students then use phrasal verbs from Exercise A (in a suitable form) plus one of the words provided to complete the sentences.

answer key:

1. get through, landline                      6. hold on, line  
2. turn off, charger                      7. call back, credit  
3. picked up, busy                      8. speak up, reception  
4. hanging up, messages                      9. apps, goes off  
5. put through, hold                      10. top up, phone box

**Exercise E:** Lastly, students complete the conversation questions using the words provided. They then work with a partner and ask each other the questions.

answer key:

1. apps                      2. phone box                      3. charge                      4. off                      5. messages  
6. go                      7. check                      8. hanging                      9. landline                      10. called