

The smartphone problem

VOCABULARY

1. Complete sentences with correct forms of words given below.

ADDICT	OBSESS
 a) Some people claim that jogging can be highly b) He admitted he was to cigarettes. c) There is a growing problem of an to drugs in our cities. 	 a) Food has become an for many people. b) She had an interest in him and his life. c) I believe that she was with her work.
HARM	BORE
 a) Looking at a computer monitor for a long time can be to the eyes. b) We need to use natural resources without the environment. c) Anyone who has ever met him will tell you he is completely 	sheer b) I can't continue listening to this speech. c) I'm really with
Discuss:	
 What are you addicted to? Have yo 	u tried to quit it?
What are kids and teens obsessed.	with nowadays?

• To what extent do you think you are addicted to your smartphone?

VIDEO

2.

3. Watch the video and answer the questions.

What are modern addictions?

- a) In what occasions do people use their cell phones?
- b) What consequences does the use of smartphones have?
- c) What does the digital detox involve?
- d) What are the benefits of the digital detox?
- e) Could you do such a detox?
- f) Should we be concerned about the issue?





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4. Look at the activities below and tell how often you do them with your phone?

multiple times a day

multiple times a week

at least weekly

- o making calls
- texting
- o sending and reading emails
- searching for information
- taking pictures
- checking the weather
- o researching products and services
- o searching for a store
- sharing and posting photos
- using maps
- using social media sites



GRAMMAR

- 5. There are a few expressions in English to talk about preferences. See the example sentences below and complete the grammar structure forms:
 - I prefer to do some sport rather than watch TV all day long.
 - We prefer chatting with people online to calling them.
 - She would rather call somebody than text.
 - They prefer coffee to tea.
 - ➤ I would prefer to finish work at 3 p.m. on Fridays.
 - would rather + do + than + do
 - would prefer + _____
 - prefer + _____+ to + ____
 - prefer + _____+ ____+ _____+
 - prefer + _____+ rather than + _____





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- 6. Work in pairs and discuss what you would choose in the situations below and give reasons. Use the expressions from exercise 5 (would rather/would prefer/prefer).
 - > meet online vs meet in real life
 - > call **vs** text
 - > smartphone vs laptop
 - lose a wallet **vs** lose a phone
 - > shop online on your mobile vs on a computer
 - > stop watching TV **vs** stop watching YouTube
 - > iPhone vs Android phone
 - > give up the phone **vs** lose some friends