Do the preparation task first. Then read the article about British teenagers and their mobile phones and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

1. cruel
2. a contract
3. allowed to do something
4. a privilege
5. to confiscate something
6. to be in contact with somebody
7. disrupted
8. an abbreviation

a. to communicate with somebody
b. unkind, mean
c. the ability to do something special or fun
d. to punish somebody by taking away something that belongs to them
e. able and permitted to do something
f. a short form of a long word or phrase
g. an agreement between a buyer and a seller
h. interrupted; stopped from going smoothly

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. British girls send more text messages than boys. True False
2. Some parents think that mobile phones are dangerous. True False
3. Kiera takes away her daughters' phones if they behave badly. True False
4. Mobile phones are not allowed at school in Britain. True False
5. Tam is happy with her mobile phone. True False
6. Some teachers use mobile phones to help their students learn. True False
2. Check your understanding: gap fill
Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

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1. LOL means ‘_____________ out loud’.
2. POS means ‘parent over ____________’.
3. TYVM means ‘Thank you very ______________’.
4. BCNU means ‘be seeing ______________’.
5. ASAP means ‘as ______________ as possible’.
6. OIC means ‘oh I ______________’.
7. TTFN means ‘ta ta for ______________’.
8. BFFL means ‘best ______________ for life’.

3. Check your grammar: multiple choice – prepositions
Circle the best preposition to complete these sentences.

1. Many parents want their children to have a phone so that they can be ___________ contact at any time.
2. On / Of / To the other hand, for lots of parents a phone is a source of possible danger.
3. Some young people use mobile phones to send offensive messages ___________ each other.
4. Mobile phones are permitted ___________ school in the UK.
5. School students can use their phones ___________ break time.
6. Some teachers complain that lessons are disrupted by people looking ___________ social networking sites.
7. They record the dialogue ___________ the phone.
8. Then they listen ___________ the recording.

Discussion
Some parents confiscate their teenager’s phone as a punishment for poor behaviour. Is that a good idea? What's your opinion? Should mobile phones be allowed in schools?