

Sadly = unfortunately

a hand-me-down = something given to a younger person because they no longer need it

brand-new = completely new; not used

cast-off = something that is no longer wanted

something or other = used when you can't remember the details

1. What was your first mobile phone?

Sadly, it wasn't a new one, it was **a hand-me-down** from my sister. She had got a **brand-new** iPhone for her 16th birthday and I got her **cast-off** – a Samsung **something or other**.



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embarrassed = you feel
anxious, ashamed, or
uncomfortable

24/7 = all the time

podcasts = a broadcast that is
placed on the Internet for anyone
who wants to listen to it

2. How often do you use your mobile phone?

I'm a bit **embarrassed** to say that it's pretty much
24/7, to be perfectly honest. Even when I'm asleep
I'm listening to music or **podcasts**.



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a landline = a phone connection that comes into a building using cables, rather than a mobile phone connection

unlimited minutes = you can make as many calls as you want

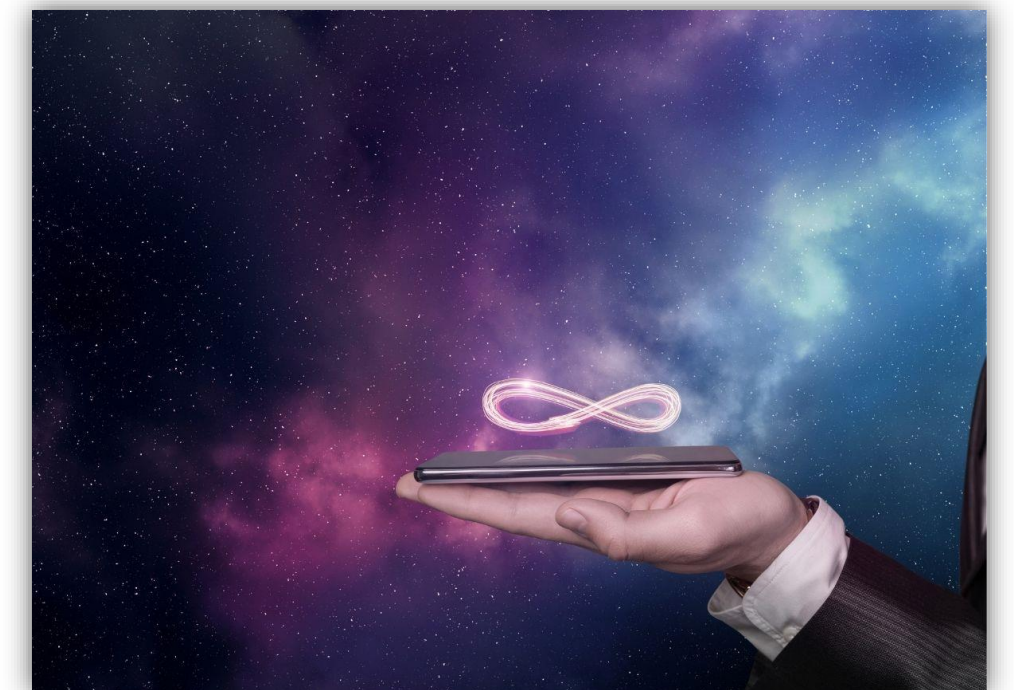
3. Do you use your mobile phone for texting or calls?

Both. I don't have **a landline** so I use my phone for calls and texts. I get **unlimited minutes** so I can use it to make calls when I want.



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current = the one you have at the moment

back = ago (informal)

in the near future = soon

desperate = needing or wanting something very much

4. Will you buy a new one in the future?

I'm on a two-year contract and I only got my **current** one a few months **back**, so no, not **in the near future**. I'm pretty happy with it so I'm not **desperate** to change it.



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To tell the truth = honestly

to struggle = to find something very difficult

to rely on = to depend on

to panic = sudden uncontrollable fear or anxiety

indispensable = I can't live without it

5. How has your mobile phone changed your life?

To tell the truth, I **struggle** to remember a time without a phone. I **rely on** it and if I lose it for a second, I start **panicking**. It's a form of communication, entertainment, my alarm clock... it's **indispensable**.



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