

## NEW CELL PHONE



### A. Reading

Art's wife bought him an expensive cell phone for his fiftieth birthday. Now, he can take pictures, record videos, access the Internet, download maps, play music, and send and receive text messages. Unfortunately, Art doesn't know how to use all the features on his new phone. He read the instructions, but he doesn't understand them. He read the instructions a second time, but he still doesn't understand them. Art's wife told him to ask a friend at work to show him how to use his new phone. Art doesn't want to ask for help. He doesn't want his co-workers to think he is not good with technology.

### B. True or False

1.   T   Art got a new cell phone for his birthday.
2.   T   Some cell phones can record videos.
3.   T   Art has a wife and a job.
4.   F   Art is forty years old.
5.   T   *Co-workers* are people who work for the same company.

### C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Art should ask a co-worker to help him with his new cell phone.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Technology is improving our lives.

### D. Writing – Is it necessary to have a cell phone? Why?

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topic: **SIMPLE PRESENT OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS?**

Choose which verb tense (**simple present** or **present continuous**) fits better.

1. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my best.  
a) **try**   b) am trying
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to me?  
a) **Are you talking**   b) Do you talk
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ to the mountains this weekend.  
a) go   b) **am going**
4. What time \_\_\_\_\_ lunch?  
a) **do you normally eat**   b) are you normally eating
5. I have to go to bed early tonight because my train \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:00 AM tomorrow morning.  
a) is leaving   b) **leaves**
6. We normally eat lunch at noon, but today \_\_\_\_\_ at 1.  
a) **we're eating**   b) we eat
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ the flu.  
a) **have**   b) am having
8. P1: \_\_\_\_\_ a good time? P2: Yes, I'm really enjoying this.  
a) **Are you having**   b) Do you have
9. We normally \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast at 7:00 AM every morning.  
a) **eat**   b) are eating
10. Don't talk so loudly. Brian \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep.  
a) tries   b) **is trying**

topic: **SIMPLE PAST TENSE 3** | level: **Beginner**

Fill in each blank with the SIMPLE PAST form of the verb (in parentheses).

1. She told me her name. (tell)
2. I saw him yesterday. (see)
3. My brother called me last night. (call)
4. I wanted to speak to my teacher. (want)
5. My parents gave me a present. (give)
6. The student tried to understand. (try)
7. We went to the concert. (go)
8. Were you born in Canada? (be)
9. No, I was born in the United States. (be)
10. They spoke to the teacher. (speak)