

My Mobile and Me – GESE Grade 6

Trinity Qualifications type: GESE Grade 6 (CEFR B1.2)

Time: 30 minutes

Exam task focus:

- ▶ To get learners ready to talk about their mobile phones
- ▶ To ask and answering questions about mobile phones
- ▶ To practise language functions
- ▶ To give information about your mobile phone in informal discussion

Resources:

- ▶ 'Find Someone Who...' handout (see below) – one per student

Description of the activity

1. Give a short personal presentation about your mobile phone as a demonstration of how the activity works. You could include the following information:
 - a. The different phones I've had
 - b. Why I like my phone
 - c. How I use my phone
 - d. The app(s) I think I'll get
2. Give each student a copy of the handout 'Find Someone who...'
3. Point out that they will need to use the prompts to form questions to ask each other, eg
 - '...has had their phone for longer than a year'
 - 'Have you had your phone for longer than a year?'
4. Demonstrate with a few more examples but don't let the students write the questions down as it's better for them to think about it for themselves than to just read questions out.
5. When they're ready, ask them to walk around the room, talking to as many people as possible.
6. Note, they should ask follow-up questions, eg 'Have you had your phone for longer than a year?' 'When did you get it?' 'Do you still like it?'
7. After the activity, get class feedback. Ask if anyone who found someone who answered yes to the first question, the second question, and so on. Can they remember any details? Have they remembered those details correctly?

Extension Activity

1. Now put the students in pairs to talk about their mobile phone using the short demonstration presentation as a model. Remind students to ask for more information about their friend's mobile habits, tools and the apps they use.
2. Students reform pairs and report to each other what they learned from their previous conversation, for example: *Anna thinks she'll get a new phone for her birthday.*

Note: If some students don't have mobile phones, they can design their ideal mobile phone and then have them describe the phone features and apps to each other and how they are going to use the phone.

When preparing for the Trinity Topic phase candidates may bring an item such as a picture, photo, diagram, or other useful object into the exam room to illustrate the topic and aid discussion with the examiner. Please note, however, that electronic devices, including mobile phones, **must not** be taken into the exam room. We would recommend that candidates choosing 'my mobile phone' as their topic for discussion take a photo or a drawing of their phone and not the device itself.

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Find Someone Who...

Interview your classmates and complete the chart below:

	name	name	name	name
1. ... has had their phone for longer than a year				
2. ... uses their phone to call people more than to text				
3. ... gets a new phone if a new model comes out				
4. ... has ever lost a phone				
5. ... needs to charge their phone several times a day				
6. ... is video calling their family later today				
7. ... doesn't have to pay for their phone themselves				
8. ... broke their phone while doing something stupid				
9. ... thinks phones in the future will be very different				
10. ... takes a lot of selfies every day				
11. ... will use their phone as soon as this lesson ends				