OPEN CLOZE EX.2 (KEY)

Mobile phones

Some time ago, if we wanted to call someone, we had to be at home to do so. There were public phones in the street, but it was often difficult to find (1) one that was working. Sometimes there were long queues before it was your turn to use them. In addition, you had to bring a lot of coins to pay for the calls. As a result, people didn't phone (2) their friends as often (3) as they do today. Today's mobile phones allow us to talk with friends and family (4) while/when/if we are on the move. They (5) have dramatically changed the life we lead. Before the age of the mobile phone, parents would sit around worried when their children would be coming home. There (6) were no quick calls to say that there would be more guests for dinner. We left notes on fridges or desks to communicate messages. However, mobile phones have also had a negative impact on our lives. We often don't realize that we (7) have lost something very valuable: our privacy. Today, our friends and family can get in touch with us wherever and (8) whenever they want to. We can never get (9) away from them. The way people communicate with (10) each other is completely different now. It's not so easy to sit in a café and have a casual conversation without (11) being interrupted by a phone call every few minutes. Most people don't see anything wrong in having a long conversation on their mobile phone while forgetting about the person they are sitting (12) next to. A solution (13) would be to leave our mobile phones at home or turn them (14) off completely. But nobody does that. Most people are afraid of missing something important if they don't have their phones with them at all times.