Advice Column

problems about telephones

■ Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.





Dear Anita,

One of my best friends has a problem. She's always talking on the phone or texting people. She does this in class sometimes, and our teacher gets really angry. When I try to call her, her phone is always busy. Is there anything I can do or say to her that will make her change? I miss my friend.

Dear Anita,

Our son, Kevin, is only eight years old and many of his friends have cell phones. He says that his friends laugh at him because he doesn't have a phone. Anita, what's your opinion? Is he still too young to have a phone, or should we buy one for him?

Marie

Sarah

Dear Anita,

I really enjoy studying English here in the U.K., but I also really miss my family and friends back home. I make one or two international calls every week to talk to my family back in my home country. However, all the long distance calls are starting to get really expensive. I don't want to make collect calls and I don't want to stop calling my friends and family. Is there any way I can continue to talk to them without spending so much money?



Ferdinand

■ Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?