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Mobile phones – are they a revolution gone bad?

The invention of mobile phones has brought a real small revolution in the field of communications. Nowadays, anywhere you go, you can see people with a mobile phone, talking, texting, listening to music, doing basically anything. We have become very dependable on them, but is it a good or a bad thing?

Mobile phones surely have a lot of positive things, such as communicating with literally anyone, anywhere on the planet, which we weren't able to do just twenty years ago. We are now able to talk to a family member, a friend or a colleague at any time and we can establish the connection in less than a second, no matter where in the world they are located. Mobile phones can also provide some amusement in the times of great boredom in our lives and they are now preloaded with various games and applications. In addition, they come with built-in services for downloading even more. Music, movies, planners and calendars - you can find anything in that little gadget.

On the other hand, mobile phones have their dark side, too. First of all, the wrong disposal of batteries and the device itself is very bad for the environment and governments should definitely pass some laws about those things. There is also a problem of radiation which scientists have proven is negligible, but some people still think that it is serious, as well as the issue of talking or texting while driving, which has caused many accidents, some of which were very serious. Some of the smaller problems are cheating in exams by students, but that is debatable since it is actually a short-term advantage for students. Mobile phones can be disruptive in classes or meetings, but that is a problem to be solved easily.

Mobile phones have surely made our lives a lot easier, but as everything else that's new, they have brought newly discovered problems with them. So, I guess that time will decide as well as scientists, whether the advantages of these gadgets will neutralise their disadvantages.

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