

# Teacher's notes

## That's GR8- Elementary

1 Introduce the topic of mobile phones and text messaging. Ask students if they use mobiles and if they enjoy sending text messages. Point out the verb to text.

1 you 2 see you later 3 today 4 by the way 5 later 6 thanks

2 Students read what Hanna and Justin say about mobile phones and fill in the gaps with the correct verb from the list. They can check their answers in pairs, to make sure they have understood the text.

have send lose check wait text know pick

### Correct text

Hanna

We're not allowed to have mobile phones at school but I use it to **text**<sup>1</sup> my friends and have a chat. Sometimes we **send**<sup>2</sup> each other the answers to homework using a text. It's fun! I couldn't live without it. Also my mum calls me to **check**<sup>3</sup> what time I'm coming home, stuff like that, so it's useful. If I want her to **pick**<sup>4</sup> me up I just call from my mobile. It's essential!

Justin

Most of my friends **have**<sup>5</sup> mobiles but I don't want one. Anyway I always **lose**<sup>6</sup> things. And I don't want people to **know**<sup>7</sup> where I am all the time. If I want to phone someone I can **wait**<sup>8</sup> until I get home. Nothing is that important. The girls at school are always sending each other text messages and talking on their mobiles, when they are only in the next classroom. They're crazy!

3 Elicit the points that Hanna and Justin make in turn and ask students if they agree with them. Ask them to explain their reasons.

4 Check that students know what all the things in the list are. They should choose one thing they like and one they don't like to write about. About 50 – 75 words each.

It may be useful for them to make notes first, e.g. *skateboard – lots of fun, good exercise, group activity or can do alone, computer game – noisy/boring, once you start you can't stop, bad for your eyes, a waste of time*

### Extension activities

- 1 Students read aloud what they have written. Other students argue for and against.
- 2 Class debate on one of the games/fads.

# That's GR8!

1 Match the text message abbreviations with the meanings from the box.

later you today by the way see you later thanks

1 u

2 CUL

3 2day

4 BTW

5 L8R

6 TNX

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3 Do you agree with what they say? Why? Why not?

4 Do you have or want any of these things?

a mobile phone computer games an MP3 player a Playstation  
a skateboard a laptop computer a Game Boy a nose ring

Choose one you have and one you don't want. Write about why you like it, or why you don't want it.

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