

New Elementary 1  
Unit 6 Lesson B Reading  
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**Cell Phones**

cell phone = cellular phone

cell phone (American) = mobile phone (British)

I'm in a bank and I'm opening a new bank account. The bank manager is asking me questions. She asks me my name, my address, what I do, where I work, my phone number and then my cell phone number.

account = حساب

manager = director = مدیر

what I do = آنچه که انجام می‌دهم = my job

where I work = جایی که کار می‌کنم = the address of my workplace

then = after that

"I don't have a cell phone," I **reply**.

"I'm sorry?" asks the manager.

"I don't have a cell phone."

"But everybody has one!"

"No, they don't, and I don't."

"Are you sure?"

"Of course I am!"

"But how can you not have one? Everybody needs a cell phone!"

"No, they don't, and I don't."

reply = answer

"Listen," I say to the bank manager, "this is a true story: A man is going parachuting – he has with him his parachute, his helmet and his cell phone. The plane takes him higher and higher away from the town. But there is a very strong wind today and he **lands** on top of a hill very badly – he has two broken legs. He takes his cell phone and calls his friend to come and help him. That's **strange** – the phone is not working. He tries again. Nothing. Then he **realizes** that there is no cell phone network on the hill. In great **pain** he pulls himself down the hill to the road and stops a car. The driver takes him to the hospital."

parachuting = چتربازی

parachute = چتر مخصوص پرش

helmet = کلاه ایمنی، کلاه کاسکت

plane = airplane

land = فرود آمدن = come down

hill = a small mountain

call = phone

strange = unusual, weird = عجيب و غريب

realize = understand

pain = agony = درد

The bank manager tries to speak.

"No, listen," I say. "This is another true story: I am waiting for my friend George at a railway station. His train arrives, but he's not on it. I wait for the next train. No George. I wait for an hour and begin to worry. Then I remember that he has a cell phone. I go to a public telephone box and call him. Nothing. I try again – no answer. Another half an hour later George arrives. I tell him about the phone call – he looks at his phone: the battery is **dead**."

railway (British) = railroad (American)

begin = start

dead = no longer working, out of charge

"So," I say to the bank manager, "I don't have a cell phone, I don't need a cell phone, and I don't like cell phones."

The bank manager looks at me very **strangely** and opens the bank account.

strangely = به طرز عجیبی