Read the text about how mobile phones have changed our lives. Think of ONE word that fits into each blank.

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) ____________ 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 (2) ____________ for the calls. As a result, people didn't phone their friends as often (3) ____________ they do today.

Today's mobile phones allow us to talk with friends and family (4) ____________ we are on the move. They (5) ____________ 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) ____________ 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 (7) ____________ on our lives. We often don't realize that we have lost something very valuable: our privacy. Today, our friends and family can get in (8) ____________ with us wherever and whenever they want to. We can never get (9) ____________ from them.

The way people communicate with (10) ____________ other is completely different now. It's not so easy to sit in a café and have a casual conversation without (11) ____________ 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) ____________ to.

A solution would be to leave our mobile phones at home or turn them (13) ____________ completely. But nobody does that. Most people are (14) ____________ of missing something important if they don't have their phones with them at all times.
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 (2) **pay** for the calls. As a result, people didn't phone 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 (7) **effect/impact/influence** on our lives. We often don't realize that we have lost something very valuable: our privacy. Today, our friends and family can get in (8) **touch/contact** with us wherever and 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 would be to leave our mobile phones at home or turn them (13) **off** completely. But nobody does that. Most people are (14) **afraid** of missing something important if they don't have their phones with them at all times.