HANGING UP

Have mobile phones made our lives easier or are they just annoying and unnecessary? Which opinion(s) do you agree with?

My mobile phone has made my life much easier. Now I never need to worry about being late for an appointment; if I'm stuck in traffic, I just call and let the person know.

I hate mobile phones. I think they're one of the most annoying inventions ever. And people make so many pointless phone calls now. Like if you're meeting someone, it used to be that you just arranged a time and then met at that time and place. Now everyone feels that they have to phone twenty times before the meeting to say they're going to be five minutes late, or to change the time, or whatever.

Mobile phones can be useful, but I don't like the fact that people can always contact me. Sometimes I just want to be left alone!

I wish people would be more considerate and switch their phones off when they don't need them. And I don't know why people feel they always need to answer their phone if it rings during a meeting or at the cinema. Surely they can let their voicemail pick up and then listen to any messages later.

OVER TO YOU

What do you think should be the rules of mobile phone etiquette? Make a list of dos and don'ts and discuss it with the class.