

Answer key

Comprehension 2

- 1 communication breakdown
- 2 parents and children
- 3 technology is distracting people from spending quality time with our families because they pay more attention to their mobile phones than to the people around them (*any reasonable answer*)
- 4 constantly
- 5 eleven/11
desperately
- 6 were (often) glued to
- 7 isolation
surrounded
Eating
outings
- 8 i) He yelled at his parents.
ii) **Not appropriate:** It is not polite or helpful to yell at your family members when you feel angry and it is disrespectful. (*any reasonable answer*)

Understandable: Charles felt very angry with his parents because they were ignoring him and the problem was going on for a long time. (*any reasonable answer*)
- 9 i) phone-free evenings
ii) stopped fighting
iii) laughing and joking (instead)
- 10 their days or current events
- 11 I think Dr Wong is a counsellor/social worker because he helps families with their problems. (*any reasonable answer*)

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- 13 Yes, I agree with Dr Wong that all families can easily reduce phone use. It's very simple to turn off our phones at a certain time and focus on our families. It is a small action that has a large effect./No, I disagree with Dr Wong that all families can reduce their phone use without any real effort. Many parents have to work late into the evening, which requires using a mobile phone. In addition, many teenagers rely on their phones to communicate with friends. It is not always easy to just turn it off. *(any reasonable answer)*