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You are reading an article about family communication in a newsletter for parents.  
Read the article.

### Text 2 Newsletter article

PARENTS' CORNER



Dr Robert Wong



## Families in trouble

By Dr Robert Wong

① I meet many families with communication problems. Families are facing new problems because of technology. People pay attention to their mobile phones instead of the people around them. They send messages, play games and visit social networking sites on their phones.

② Two months ago, an 11-year-old boy came to me for advice. Charles felt upset. During family dinners and outings, his parents were glued to their phones. One day, while his parents were using their phones, he was getting annoyed. He started to shout at them.

③ Therefore, I advised their family to have phone-free evenings. Every day at 6 p.m., they had to turn off their phones and chat. After a week, they stopped fighting.

④ This is a change every family can make. We must remember that our families are more important than our phones.




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**Comprehension 2** You are completing a quiz based on the newsletter article.  
Answer the questions using information from the newsletter article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

- 1 According to the writer, a lot of families \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A do not know how to communicate with each other  
 B do not know how to use new technology  
 C have a lot of health problems  
 D send too many messages
- A   B   C   D  
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- 2 How old is Charles? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Which phrase in paragraph 2 means 'gave all their attention to'?
- |                 |                       |   |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---|
| A came to me    | C was getting annoyed | A   B   C   D   |
| B were glued to | D started to shout    | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

- 4 What does 'they' (line 14) refer to?
- |                          |                   |   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|
| A Charles and the writer | C Charles' family | A   B   C   D   |
| B Charles's parents      | D phones          | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

- 5 Use ONE word to complete each blank.  
 Charles' family followed the writer's advice and stopped using their phones in the \_\_\_\_\_. They stopped \_\_\_\_\_ after a week.

- 6 What is probably the writer's job?
- |             |                           |   |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|
| A a teacher | C a social worker         | A   B   C   D   |
| B a writer  | D a mobile phone designer | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

- 7 Are the following sentences **True (T)**, **False (F)**, or is the information **Not Given (NG)**? Write the correct letter(s) in the boxes.

i) The writer only helps families in his job.	
ii) Charles felt upset because his parents did not go out with him.	
iii) The writer thinks mobile phones can cause family problems.	