

The English Game: Watch the brave competitors as they take on the challenges of The English Game. Which player do you think will be the winner?

Buying a mobile phone

In this video, Ana from Brazil and Mei-Li from China are looking for a new mobile phone.

Explain to your teammate the words below, then watch the video and tick the words you hear.

- SIM card • pay-as-you-go
- bluetooth • data
- contract • smartphone



Ana is trying to get a good mobile phone deal.

Vocabulary

a contract deal

you pay for your phone every month from your bank account

a pay-as-you-go deal

you buy credit for your phone when you need it

a smartphone

a phone that can be used to connect to the Internet

data

information you send or receive when you are online

network

the system that a mobile phone company uses

messages

short text that you send to other phones

a sim card

a small piece of plastic that you put inside your phone

a deal

an agreement or arrangement, especially in business

True or false?

Read the statements about the video and decide if they are true or false.

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| 1. Ana is from China. | TRUE / FALSE |
| 2. Mei-Li wants to buy a SIM card. | TRUE / FALSE |
| 3. Ana needs a contract deal. | TRUE / FALSE |
| 4. Ana has a bank account in the UK. | TRUE / FALSE |
| 5. Mei-Li makes a lot of calls on her phone. | TRUE / FALSE |
| 6. Ana is happy with her new smartphone. | TRUE / FALSE |
| 7. Mei-Li buys a new SIM card. | TRUE / FALSE |
| 8. Rob says it's important to remember; minutes, messages and data. | TRUE / FALSE |

Listening and Speaking

Look at the questions on the left. Can you remember Ana and Mei-Li's answers? Listen to the video again and check your answers. When you have finished, write your own answers and then practise conversations with your teammate.

Shop assistant	Ana from Brazil	Mei-Li from China	You
1. Can I help?			
2. Do you need a contract or pay-as you-go phone?			
3. Do you want to pay each month from your bank account?			
4. Do you know what network you want?			
5. Do you use the Internet a lot?			

Speaking: Role-play

Practise similar conversations with your teammate. Start by practising the conversation in the phone shop, then try some conversations in these different places. One of you is the customer and the other is the shopassistant, when you have finished change roles.

- 1) You are at the train station. You want to go from Manchester to London. You need information about times and prices.
- 2) You are at Manchester Utd's ticket office. You want to go to a match. You need information about matches, dates and prices.
- 3) You are at the tourist information office in London. You need information about what to see in London.

True or false: 1- false, 2 - true, 3 - false, 4 - false, 5 - false, 6 - true, 7 - false, 8 - true

Answers