hotchpotch of abbreviated and full words and sentences.

Nowadays so many phones have cameras built into them. This means that even if you have not got a camera or if you just do not have it with you, it is still possible to capture the moment on your phone. You can either take a snapshot or even video something. These days a lot of news channels use footage of events, natural disasters etc taken from camera phones by just bystanders. Talking about camera phones, I was once in a situation where my one came in very handy. On one of my school runs, I happened to bump into the car in front of me as she had started and then suddenly stopped her car. So I got out of my car and she got out of hers to see what the damage was. As my car had been moving at all of 5 miles per hour, there was hardly any visible dent or scratch on the other car. For some reason I thought it prudent to take a picture of the almost nonexistent dent she was pointing out to me. We exchanged numbers and a few days later her husband called and told us that her entire bumper required replacing as did a few other items! Luckily we had spoken to our insurance company and mentioned the photos I had taken and when this obviously exaggerated claim was sent to them, they had all the necessary evidence to prove their claim to be baseless. Since then my respect for my multi functional mobile phone has considerably increased.

There are also downsides to having a phone. People expect to be able to reach you at all hours of the day or night, at work or on holiday unless of course you switch it off, which you do not want to do just in case there really is an emergency! It can also prove to be very annoying when people talk on their mobile phones in a loud voice in public places. If you happen to be sitting on a bus or restaurant and someone starts chatting away next to you on their cell phone, it is impossible not hear their conversation and you feel almost obliged to feign temporary deafness at these times. No, I did not really want to know about your escapades with your partner, nor was I relishing the graphic details of the operation you just had! It is also excessively rude to be constantly taking calls or texting when you are in the company of others. A call here and there is acceptable but when it becomes a steady stream of calls or text messages, it just seems a little disrespectful.

All I can say is that I am looking forward to being reunited with my phone albeit a new one and not my old and trusty keeper of all names and numbers! I am sure that within a short time I will manage to form exactly the same amount of dependency with the new mobile as I did with the old one. Such is the relationship of man and mobile phone....

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