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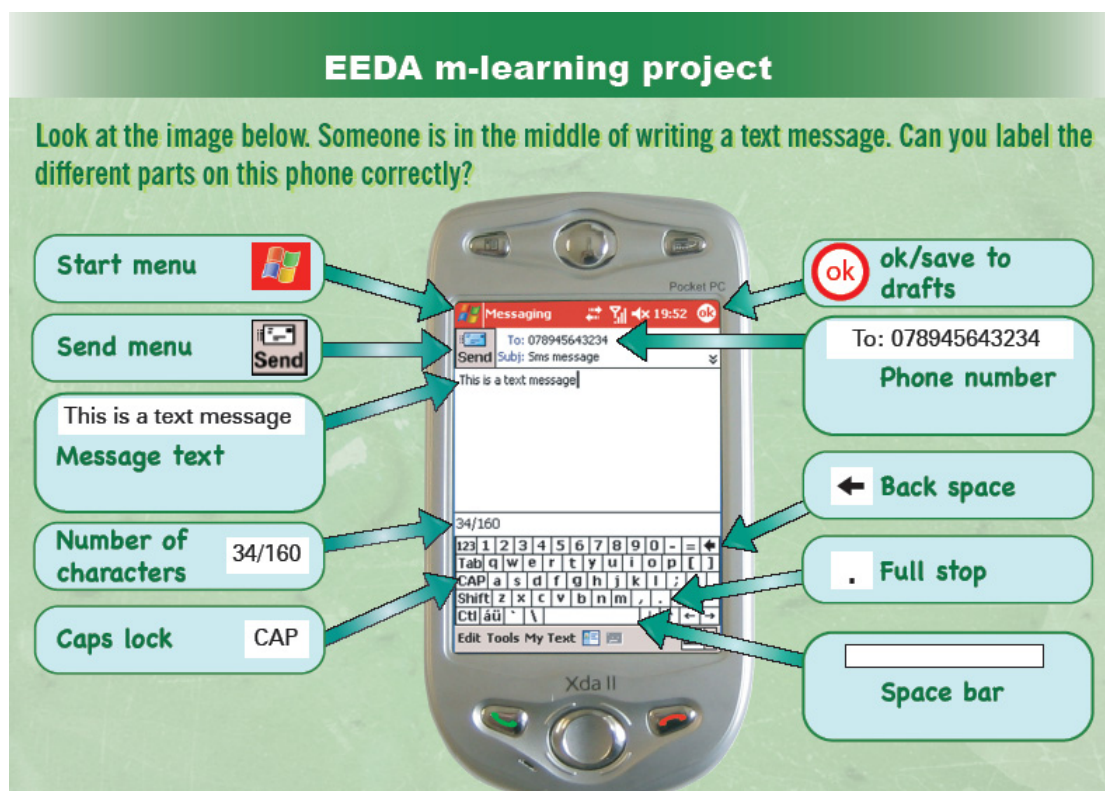
M-learning: Text language

Objectives:

- To participate in a short quiz and check the answers via mobile phone technology.
- To identify mobile phone keys.
- To send a text message.
- To investigate the relationship between spoken English and written text language on mobile phone messages.
- To transcribe text messages into written English.
- To discuss more text abbreviations.
- To discuss how text is constructed.
- To access the mediaBoard.

Mobile phone quiz: part 1

Use the SMS card provided. On side one, learners take part in a quiz and text their answers to the number provided on the card. On side two, learners complete the phone labelling activity by writing in the spaces provided. Answers to the labelling activity are given below



Mobile phone quiz: part 2

Use the handout, 'You and your mobile', and the activities provided.

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Mobile phone quiz – part 2

Handout: You and your mobile

1. When did you first get a mobile phone?

.....years ago.

2. What phone functions do you use?

	Never	Sometimes	Often
Spoken conversations			
Sending/receiving texts			
Taking photographs			
Filming videos			
Accessing e-mail			

3. Why did you choose your phone?

Upgrade	
Contract	
Pay as you go	
Fashion	

Other.....

4. Sending a text message

Some people may never have sent a text message.

a) If you have never sent a text, send a text message to one friend in your class saying:

My first text message. Please reply.

Your friend might reply:

Well done!

b) If you are used to texting, send a text to one friend in your class asking him/her to text to you the name of their favourite television programme.

Send a text back saying whether you like or dislike the programme.

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Writing a text message

When they are sending a text some people spell out every word. Some people use predictive text. This means that you press the phone keys that contain the letters of the word you want. The phone then predicts the word you want. If there are several possible words your phone gives you a choice.

Some people use text language when they write text messages.

5. Text language

Read these messages out loud and then write them down in written English.

WOT R U DOIN 2NITE?

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IF U 12CM, W8 4 US

.....

C U L8R

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EVRY 1S CMIN

.....

I LUV U

.....

6. If you already write messages in text language, write down any other text words that you use in your messages.

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7. Write these messages in text style on your phone. Some people use capital letters, some use lower case letters.

Choose a message to send to someone in your group and see how they respond.

Where are you?

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How long will you be?

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Remember to bring a bottle of wine.

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I'm going to be twenty minutes late.

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See you soon

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8. Look through this list of text abbreviations and what they mean. Tick any that you might start to use.

ATB	All the best.	<input type="checkbox"/>
BCNU	Be seeing you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
B4	Before.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CW2CU	Can't wait to see you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
F2T?	Are you free to talk?	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAND	Have a nice day.	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICCL	I couldn't care less.	<input type="checkbox"/>
IUTLUVUBIAON	I used to love you but it's all over now.	<input type="checkbox"/>
KIT	Keep in touch.	<input type="checkbox"/>
MYOB	Mind your own business.	<input type="checkbox"/>
NRN	No reply necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>
RUOK?	Are you OK?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thx	Thanks.	<input type="checkbox"/>
TTUL	Talk to you later.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Xoxoxo	Hugs and kisses.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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9. Discuss the following questions as a group.

Is text language based on how we write words or how we say them?

Why is it easy to read texts when the words are not spelled correctly?

How are digits used in texts?

Are there any rules? If so, what are they?

10. mediaBoard discussion topic

Do you think texting is damaging the English language?

Write a short comment here – use text language if you prefer.

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Use your mobile phone to text your comment to the mediaBoard.

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Activities

Activity 1

Use your mobile phones to send to the mediaBoard a list of:

- your top 3 CDs
- your top 3 TV adverts
- your top 3 TV programmes

Use text language if you prefer.

Activity 2

Most people would agree that mobile phones are useful in an emergency.

Can you think of any other situations where mobile phones are useful?

Text these to the mediaBoard. Use text language if you prefer.

Activity 3

If you have access to the Internet, look at DFILM.com.

Follow the instructions for making a short film. You can choose the characters, music and background. Keep the story short and simple. Write the dialogue in text language.

Send your film to the mediaBoard.

Activity 4

What do you think mobile phones will be like in 20 years' time?

How will they have changed and what will they be able to do?

Discuss your thoughts and send them to the mediaBoard.

If you have access to the Internet, look at this web page for ideas about the future of mobile phones: www.bbc.co.uk/science/hotpicks/mobilephones/future.shtml.