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My Phone

By Neal Levin

My phone has tons of gadgets,
A hundred-fifty rings,
Can store a thousand numbers
And other nifty things.

My phone can send me e-mail
And news from far away,
Predict tomorrow's weather,
And tell the time of day.

My phone can download music,
Take photos in a flash,
Make videos and movies,
And really make a splash.

I heard that in the old days
(I'm not sure what this means)
That people used their phones to talk
To other human beings.



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 - 1,005
 - 150
 - 10,050
 - 1,500

- According to stanza three, list two things the phone in the poem can do.

_____ and _____

- Can you think of something that the poet didn't mention that people can do on their phones?

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| 1. _____ nifty | a. small, useful devices |
| 2. _____ predict | b. to collect and put in a location for future use |
| 3. _____ gadgets | c. quick and suddenly |
| 4. _____ download | d. an event that has been recorded so it can be watched later |
| 5. _____ flash | e. to say that something might happen in the future |
| 6. _____ store | f. to copy a file from a larger system onto a computer or other device |
| 7. _____ videos | g. very good or useful |

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2. According to stanza three, list two things the phone in the poem can do.

Answers can include downloading music, taking pictures, or making videos or movies.

3. Can you think of something that the poet didn't mention that people can do on their phones?

Answers will vary but may include texting, playing games, or another typical phone function.

4. What do you think the poet means when he says:

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The poet is referring to the fact that people use phones for many things but actually speaking to someone on the phone is becoming uncommon because of texting. Phones have become a sources of information and entertainment rather than vessels for communicating.

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