

Monologue Mania!

“Cell Phone Envy” from *Ups and Downs*

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PARENT PERSPECTIVE: Your son or daughter has been begging you for a cell phone, but you are doubtful that your child is old enough or has any need for it. (Note: Character can be any gender. Also, feel free to update technological references accordingly.)

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You want me to buy you a cell phone so that you can find out what the weather is? You're kidding me, right? You know you can just look out the window or walk outside. You don't have to have a cell phone to tell you simple things that you can figure out on your own. Can't you see how silly it is that your friends won't even come out and play anymore because they would rather sit in the house on their phones playing games or what not? You should enjoy these carefree times of not being connected all the time. Believe me, when you get older, you'll wish you'd never gotten one! You can't get a break from it. I can't think of one reason why a child your age needs to have a cell phone... Wait. You're not serious. You want a cell phone so that you can watch movies on it? You know we have a TV for that. A perfectly good, thirty-inch television, so you can watch all the movies you want. Does it really make sense to buy you a cell phone so that you can watch a movie on a screen that is only two inches wide?! Do you hear how ridiculous that sounds? And no, having your own phone to use as an alarm clock is not a good reason either. But since you brought that up, here. You can have this alarm clock. I think it's a wonderful idea for you to get up on your own. You're right, that will make my life a lot easier!