The Cell Phone



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Literacy Focus

Suggested Level: Early Reader

(Note: These books have not been levelled using standardized book levelling systems. See back cover for our suggested level.)

Word Count and Vocabulary

Word Count: 512 word

High Frequency Words: alright, because, what, why, bought, only, first, questions, sure, continue(d), wait, know, enough, explain(ed), minute(s), month, mean(s), service, half, phone

Reinforcing Decoding Skills

Multisyllabic: cancel, birthday, continued, handed, company,

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Inflectional Endings: (-s, -ed) called, questions, continued, replied

Shouted, exclaimed

Digraphs: (wh, th, ph, qu, sh) what, them, phone, questions, she

Blends: (sp, pl, fr, st) speak, plan, friend, stay

Book Introduction Consideration (based on student need)		
Meaning	Structure	Visual
p.1— cancel, phone plan	●Hmmm, OK	•Money values (\$150)
p.5— phone company	•Contractions (let's, don't)	Callouts
p.9—\$5 off, monthly bill, extra 200 minutes	•Questions	Compound Words
p.11 —pay-as-you-go plan, customer, text	Dialogue	(someone, birthday)
p.13—contract, balance, two year contract	•Time Frames (monthly,	•Number words
p.15—owe, tax	two years)	•Label (contract)
	●Phone number format	•Glossary— bold
	Verbal markers	
	(explained, asked, said,	
	continued, replied,	
	shouted)	

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"Hey Faisal, can you help me out?" asked Nabi.

"What is it?" asked Faisal.

"I need to cancel my **phone plan**. I want you to call because you speak more English than I do," said Nabi.

"Hmmmm....alright. What do you want me to say?" asked Faisal.



"Tell them I want to cancel my phone plan," said Nabi.

"Why do you want to cancel your phone plan?" asked Faisal.

"I bought a better phone from my friend. It was only \$150!" replied Nabi.

"OK. Let's call," said Faisal.



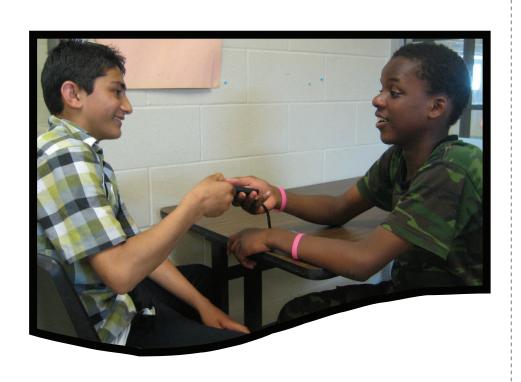
Faisal called the phone company.

"Hi. My friend wants to cancel his phone plan and he asked me to call for him," said Faisal.

The woman on the phone said, "OK. I can help you with that. But I need to speak to your friend first."

"OK," said Faisal. "Nabi, she has to talk to you first."

Faisal gave the phone to Nabi.



"Hi," said Nabi.

"Hello," said the woman. "I am going to help you today but I need to ask you some questions. Please tell me your name, phone number, and birthday."

"Sure. My name is Nabi and my phone number is 555-255-2525. My birthday is May 16," replied Nabi.

"Thank you, Nabi. Now, can you tell me why you want to cancel your phone plan?" continued the woman.

"Wait, let my friend talk." Nabi handed the phone back to Faisal.





"Nabi, she wants to know why you don't want the phone plan anymore," asked Faisal.

"Just tell her I don't have enough money for the phone," said Nabi.

Faisal explained what Nabi said to the woman.

"Nabi, she says she can take \$5 off your monthly bill and give you an extra 200 minutes each month," explained Faisal.

"No, I don't want it," replied Nabi.



"Nabi, she wants to know if you want to get a pay-as-you-go plan. It means you only pay each time you talk to someone or send a text."

"No, I want to use my new phone. Why does she keep asking these questions?" said Nabi.

Faisal explained, "They want you to stay with them as a customer. They want to make money."

"Just tell them no, please," Nabi said.



"Nabi, she says that's fine. The service can be cut today, but your contract is only half over. You still have to pay the balance on the phone."

"What does that mean?" Nabi asked.

"You have a two year contract.
That contract pays for the phone.
You haven't finished the contract
so you have to pay for the rest of
the phone," explained Faisal.





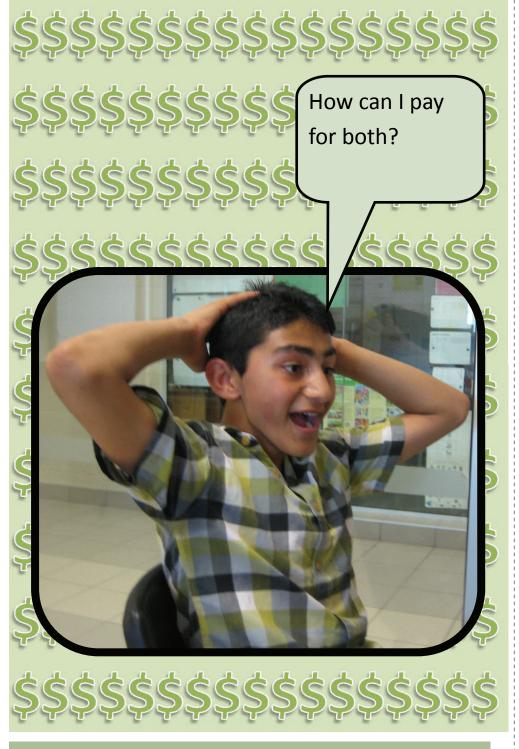
"But I don't want the phone anymore, they can have it back!" exclaimed Nabi.

"They don't want it back. You have to pay for it."

"Oh, how much do I have to pay?" Nabi asked.

"She says you still **owe** \$125 for the phone, plus **tax**. So that's about \$140."

"What? Are you serious? I just spent \$150 on a new phone. How can I pay for both?" Nabi shouted.



Glossary

monthly bill— the money you pay each month for a service

Pay-as-you-go plan— a prepaid phone service, you only pay for the time you talk

customer— the person who buys the service
contract— a legal agreement

balance— the amount of money you need to pay
owe— you need to pay for something

tax— the extra money you must pay to the government when you buy something

Financial Skills

- What are the consequences of buying something without planning ahead?
- Discuss the difference between a "need" and a "want".
- What are the consumers responsibilities when signing a contract agreement?

Building Financial Knowledge

Consumers should make informed choices about how to spend their money. Shopping on impulse can lead to poor choices and makes it more difficult to save money for necessities.

Consumers also need to be aware of their responsibilities when signing contract agreements.

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