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Lucy Speaking

Friday. Lucy's new phone rings before our alarm clock. It's **Auntie** Nancy, wishing her happy birthday. How did she get the number so fast? I don't know, because I was _____ to **eavesdrop** on the second line - big disadvantage.

Forget the cornflakes, Lucy is too _____ dressing up her black phone, which suddenly becomes silver. "It's an alternative cover," she explains, _____. The phone has more **outfits** than her first doll, but at _____ it has a credit limit. The _____ is that when Lucy has used up the L20 voucher, she buys her own with her pocket money.

I _____ Lucy off on the school bus where, half an hour later, she gets her second call of the day. Her **father** cannot _____ ringing to test it out. "She answered it saying, 'Lucy speaking'," he reports. Has our daughter grown up that fast? It _____ out that school doesn't allow mobiles during class. Very sensible.

_____ the end of the evening, Lucy is clearly thrilled. I _____ am exhausted, reminding her to keep an _____ on her **voucher** limit and not to use her headset, just in _____. "You told me I had to wear it yesterday," she said, confused.

My husband and I are also confused by the recent report suggesting that headsets can increase **radiation** risks, _____ though a Philips spokesman _____ me: "There is no scientific evidence to show that mobile phones can damage health." Oh well, we've survived the microwave oven _____...

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