

## Boom

**Read the text about cell phone use among American teenagers. Then decide if the statements are true, false or not given in the text. Tick  the correct box. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

### Boom in texts among US teenagers

*Texting has become the most popular form of communication among young people in the US, research indicates.*

The study, by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, suggests that texting has eclipsed mobile phone calls among teenagers for the first time.

More than 30% of teens send more than 100 texts a day, it shows.

Researchers say more payment plans offering unlimited texts have helped to create the surge in the US, which used to lag other parts of the world.

The study found that two-thirds of teenagers are now more likely to text their friends than call them on the phone.

Girls on average send or receive more texts than boys – 80 messages per day compared to 30.

"Texting is now the central hub of communication in the lives of teens today, and it has really skyrocketed in the last 18 months," said Amanda Lenhart, a co-author of the report.

The study's authors said teenagers preferred texting to phone calls because it could be carried out under the noses of parents, teachers or other authority figures.

However, the study found that phone calls are still teenagers' preferred method for contacting their parents.

source: 'Texting eclipses calling' among US teenagers. (20.04.2010)

	true	false	not given
0. The study shows that 75% of 12-to 17-year-olds have cell phones.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. Most US teens prefer phoning to texting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Boys are more active texters than their female counterparts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Teens love the multimedia applications their phones provide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Teens like texting because it can be done secretly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>