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The end of New York's pay phones

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

The end is coming for New York's public pay phones. New York City officials say workers are currently removing all public pay phones from the city's streets. Pay phones used to be everywhere in the city - on every street corner and in every park and public place. Engineers have started the removal work by taking away 30 pay phones from the Hell's Kitchen area of the city. In the coming months, the remaining phones will go. New York City spokesman Corey Johnson told the CNN news agency that: "The antiquated and outdated pay phone booths take up much-needed sidewalk space. Removing these booths is a win for pedestrians who navigate these crowded blocks."

Many New Yorkers probably won't even notice the phones are going. Most younger people have never used one. They may have to read the instructions to use a phone, and scramble for coins to feed it. Modern technology means the public phone is no longer needed. Over 95 per cent of Americans have a mobile phone. Mr Corey said New Yorkers no longer want the phones. He said: "My office has received numerous community complaints from local residents about these antiquated pay phones, which present public safety and quality of life issues. Additionally, they take up sorely needed sidewalk space that could better serve people with disabilities and families with strollers."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/03/02/us/nyc-pay-phone-removal-trnd/index.html>
<https://gothamist.com/news/last-remaining-pay-phones-nyc-will-be-ripped-out>
<https://nypost.com/2020/02/28/nyc-will-remove-remaining-payphones-replacing-some-with-linknyc-kiosks-report-says/>

WARM-UPS

1. PHONES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about phones. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

the end / pay phones / officials / workers / park / city / outdated / space / pedestrians
notice / instructions / coins / technology / office / complaints / safety / disabilities

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PAY PHONES: Students A **strongly** believe it is very, very important to have pay phones in the streets; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE END: What things in society do we no longer need? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Do We Need Them?	Why?	What Would We Use Instead?
Public pay phones			
Televisions			
Keys			
Cars			
Books			
Cameras			

5. PUBLIC: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "public". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. STREETS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things needed on streets at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- pay phones
- toilets
- police stations
- no parking signs
- lights
- local maps
- seats
- art

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. official | a. Still there. |
| 2. currently | b. Too old to be used. |
| 3. removing | c. A person working as a representative of an organization or government department. |
| 4. remaining | d. Of a space full of people, leaving little or no room for movement. |
| 5. outdated | e. Right now; at this moment. |
| 6. pedestrian | f. Taking away. |
| 7. crowded | g. A person walking along a road or street. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. notice | h. Physical or mental conditions that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities. |
| 9. instructions | i. Become aware of. |
| 10. coin | j. Details on how to do, make or use something. |
| 11. numerous | k. An action of saying you are unhappy about something. |
| 12. complaint | l. Large in number; many. |
| 13. local | m. A flat, round piece of metal used as money. |
| 14. disabilities | n. Belonging or relating to a particular area or neighborhood. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said the end has come for pay phones in the USA. **T / F**
- b. Pay phones used to be on every street corner in New York City. **T / F**
- c. The phone removal will start with 30 phones. **T / F**
- d. Removing the pay phones will free up space on sidewalks. **T / F**
- e. The article said most New Yorkers will notice the phones have gone. **T / F**
- f. The article said young people may need instructions to use a pay phone. **T / F**
- g. An NYC official said his office had many complaints from locals. **T / F**
- h. The article said sidewalk space was sorely needed for public pay phones. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. currently | a. matters |
| 2. area | b. packed |
| 3. remaining | c. see |
| 4. take up | d. directions |
| 5. crowded | e. many |
| 6. notice | f. presently |
| 7. instructions | g. help |
| 8. numerous | h. district |
| 9. issues | i. use |
| 10. serve | j. surviving |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The end is | a. corner |
| 2. Pay phones used to be everywhere | b. disabilities |
| 3. on every street | c. crowded blocks |
| 4. In the coming | d. notice |
| 5. pedestrians who navigate these | e. instructions |
| 6. probably won't even | f. in the city |
| 7. Most younger people have never | g. residents |
| 8. read the | h. coming |
| 9. complaints from local | i. used one |
| 10. people with | j. months |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

The end is (1) _____ for New York's public pay phones. New York City officials say workers are (2) _____ removing all public pay phones from the city's streets. Pay phones used to be everywhere in the city - on every street (3) _____ and in every park and public place. Engineers have started the (4) _____ work by taking away 30 pay phones from the Hell's Kitchen area of the city. In the coming months, the (5) _____ phones will go. New York City spokesman Corey Johnson told the CNN news agency that: "The antiquated and (6) _____ pay phone booths take up much-needed sidewalk (7) _____. Removing these booths is a win for pedestrians who navigate these (8) _____ blocks."

corner
remaining
coming
crowded
outdated
space
removal
currently

Many New Yorkers probably won't even (9) _____ the phones are going. Most younger people have (10) _____ used one. They may have to read the (11) _____ to use a phone, and scramble for coins to feed it. Modern technology means the public phone is no (12) _____ needed. Over 95 per cent of Americans have a mobile phone. Mr Corey said New Yorkers no longer want the phones. He said: "My (13) _____ has received numerous community complaints from (14) _____ residents about these antiquated pay phones, which present public safety and (15) _____ of life issues. Additionally, they take up sorely needed sidewalk space that could better (16) _____ people with disabilities and families with strollers."

never
local
serve
longer
notice
quality
instructions
office

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

- 1) Pay phones used to be everywhere in the city - on _____
 - a. every street corners
 - b. every street corner
 - c. every street cornered
 - d. every street cornering
- 2) taking away 30 pay phones from the Hell's Kitchen _____ city
 - a. arena of the
 - b. aerial of the
 - c. aurora of the
 - d. area of the
- 3) In the coming months, the remaining _____
 - a. phone will go
 - b. phones will gone
 - c. phones will go
 - d. phone will going
- 4) outdated pay phone booths take up much-needed _____
 - a. sidewalk space
 - b. sideway space
 - c. side wall space
 - d. sides walk space
- 5) a win for pedestrians who navigate _____
 - a. these crowd it blocks
 - b. these crowded blocks
 - c. these crowded block
 - d. those crowded block
- 6) Many New Yorkers probably won't even notice the _____
 - a. phones are going
 - b. phones are gone
 - c. phones are go in
 - d. phones are gone in
- 7) Most younger people have _____
 - a. never used once
 - b. never used ones
 - c. never used one
 - d. never used only
- 8) read the instructions to use a phone, and scramble for coins _____
 - a. two fee bit
 - b. tooth edit
 - c. to fee ditto
 - d. to feed it
- 9) My office has received numerous community complaints _____
 - a. from local residence
 - b. from local residents
 - c. from local reside ants
 - d. from local residential
- 10) take up sorely needed sidewalk space that could better serve _____
 - a. people within disabilities
 - b. people wither disabilities
 - c. people with disabilities
 - d. people without disabilities

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Many New Yorkers probably won't (7) _____ phones are going. Most younger people have never used one. They may have to read the instructions to use a phone, and scramble for (8) _____ it. Modern technology means the public phone is (9) _____. Over 95 per cent of Americans have a mobile phone. Mr Corey said New Yorkers no longer want the phones. He said: "My office has received numerous community complaints (10) _____ about these antiquated pay phones, which present public safety and quality of life issues. Additionally, (11) _____ sorely needed sidewalk space that could better (12) _____ disabilities and families with strollers."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

1. What did the article say is coming for New York's pay phones?
2. Where did the article say pay phones used to be in New York?
3. How many pay phones are being taken away to begin with?
4. Who is Corey Johnson?
5. For whom did the article say removing the phones was a win?
6. Who did the article say would probably not notice the phone removal?
7. What did the article say younger people might have to read?
8. What percentage of Americans have a mobile phone?
9. What did a spokesman say his office had received?
10. What kind of people could clearer sidewalks help?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

- 1) What did the article say is coming for New York's pay phones?
 - a) the chainsaws
 - b) higher bills
 - c) nicer colours
 - d) the end
- 2) Where did the article say pay phones used to be in New York?
 - a) on the subway
 - b) everywhere
 - c) in museums
 - d) in city hall
- 3) How many pay phones are being taken away to begin with?
 - a) 20
 - b) 25
 - c) 30
 - d) 35
- 4) Who is Corey Johnson?
 - a) an NYC spokesman
 - b) a pedestrian
 - c) a phone maker
 - d) a pay phone repairman
- 5) For whom did the article say removing the phones was a win?
 - a) tourists
 - b) Apple
 - c) pedestrians
 - d) restaurants
- 6) Who did the article say would probably not notice the phone removal?
 - a) drivers
 - b) many New Yorkers
 - c) phone engineers
 - d) tourists
- 7) What did the article say younger people might have to read?
 - a) books
 - b) Kindle
 - c) street signs
 - d) instructions
- 8) What percentage of Americans have a mobile phone?
 - a) over 95%
 - b) 82%
 - c) nearly 99%
 - d) just over 82%
- 9) What did a spokesman say his office had received?
 - a) advice
 - b) gifts
 - c) complaints
 - d) lost smartphones
- 10) What kind of people could clearer sidewalks help?
 - a) street cleaners
 - b) people with disabilities
 - c) the homeless
 - d) skateboarders

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

Role A – Pay Phones

You think pay phones are the most important things to have on streets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): art, toilets or lights.

Role B – Art

You think art is the most important thing to have on streets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): pay phones, toilets or lights.

Role C – Toilets

You think toilets are the most important things to have on streets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): art, pay phones or lights.

Role D – Lights

You think lights are the most important things to have on streets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): art, toilets or pay phones.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'pay' and 'phone'.

pay	phone

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• coming• everywhere• started• coming• take• blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• notice• read• coins• numerous• issues• serve
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PHONES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about phones in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

PHONES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'phone'?
3. How important are pay phones?
4. Do cities need pay phones?
5. Are there any public pay phones in your town?
6. What is the best thing about your phone?
7. Do we need landlines?
8. How important is sidewalk space?
9. What do you think of pedestrians using their phones while they walk?
10. Are phones on watches better than smartphones?

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PHONES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'public'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important is your phone to you?
15. What is the best phone in the world?
16. Should New York keep some pay phones for tourism?
17. Do young people know how to use public pay phones?
18. What would life be like without your mobile phone?
19. What do you think of New York?
20. What questions would you like to ask the New York officials?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Many New Yorkers probably won't even (7) _____ the phones are going. Most younger people have never used one. They may have to read the instructions to use a phone, and scramble for coins to (8) _____ it. Modern technology means the public phone is no longer needed. Over 95 per cent of Americans have a mobile phone. Mr Corey said New Yorkers no (9) _____ want the phones. He said: "My office has received numerous community complaints from local (10) _____ about these antiquated pay phones, which (11) _____ public safety and quality of life issues. Additionally, they take up sorely needed sidewalk space that could better (12) _____ people with disabilities and families with strollers."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) comes | (b) coming | (c) came | (d) come |
| 2. | (a) currency | (b) currently | (c) currants | (d) curreant |
| 3. | (a) all | (b) even | (c) whole | (d) every |
| 4. | (a) as | (b) by | (c) in | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) updated | (b) outdated | (c) inundated | (d) use-by-date |
| 6. | (a) clouded | (b) crowed | (c) crowded | (d) cowed |
| 7. | (a) aware | (b) knowledge | (c) notice | (d) conscious |
| 8. | (a) food | (b) fodder | (c) feed | (d) fad |
| 9. | (a) lengthen | (b) longs | (c) longing | (d) longer |
| 10. | (a) residents | (b) residence | (c) resides | (d) residuals |
| 11. | (a) present | (b) gift | (c) makes | (d) danger |
| 12. | (a) reserve | (b) server | (c) serve | (d) sever |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. New York City fioscifal
2. started the avmerlo work
3. the einginamr phones will go
4. ddatuote pay phone booths
5. Removing these booths is a win for datpsenire
6. navigate these wdcoder blocks

Paragraph 2

7. read the tuionitsrnc
8. Modern tlgeooycnh
9. received nreusmuo community complaints
10. public eyfsta
11. tauqyil of life issues
12. people with istdabiiseil

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () space. Removing these booths is a win for pedestrians who navigate these crowded blocks."
- () longer want the phones. He said: "My office has received numerous community
- () in the city - on every street corner and in every park and public place. Engineers have started the removal
- (**1**) The end is coming for New York's public pay phones. New York City officials say workers are currently
- () safety and quality of life issues. Additionally, they take up sorely needed sidewalk space
- () news agency that: "The antiquated and outdated pay phone booths take up much-needed sidewalk
- () complaints from local residents about these antiquated pay phones, which present public
- () Many New Yorkers probably won't even notice the phones are going. Most younger people have never used
- () removing all public pay phones from the city's streets. Pay phones used to be everywhere
- () one. They may have to read the instructions to use a phone, and scramble for coins to feed it. Modern technology means
- () that could better serve people with disabilities and families with strollers."
- () work by taking away 30 pay phones from the Hell's Kitchen area of the city. In the coming
- () months, the remaining phones will go. New York City spokesman Corey Johnson told the CNN
- () the public phone is no longer needed. Over 95 per cent of Americans have a mobile phone. Mr Corey said New Yorkers no

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

1. in to the used city . Phones everywhere be
2. taking the removal away Started by work phones .
3. the phones In coming will months go . the
4. up space . booths take Phone sidewalk much-needed
5. win these booths pedestrians . Removing a is for
6. even New phones . notice won't probably the Yorkers
7. instructions . have to may the read They
8. Americans of phone . have Over mobile a 95%
9. these Complaints residents from pay phones . about local
10. that could people with better Space disabilities . serve

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

The end is coming for New York's *publicity* / *public* pay phones. New York City officials say workers are *currency* / *currently* removing all public pay phones from the city's *street* / *streets*. Pay phones used to be everywhere in the city - on every street corner and in every park and public *plaice* / *place*. Engineers have started the *removal* / *remove* work by taking away 30 pay phones from the Hell's Kitchen *arena* / *area* of the city. In the coming months, the remaining phones will *go* / *gone*. New York City spokesman Corey Johnson told the CNN news agency that: "The antiquated and *outdated* / *dating* pay phone booths take up much-needed *sidewalk* / *sideways* space. Removing these booths is a win for pedestrians who navigate these crowded *books* / *blocks*."

Many New Yorkers probably won't even *entice* / *notice* the phones are going. Most younger people have never *useful* / *used* one. They may have to read the *instruction* / *instructions* to use a phone, and *scramble* / *crumble* for coins to feed it. Modern technology *means* / *meanings* the public phone is no longer needed. Over 95 per cent of Americans have a *mobility* / *mobile* phone. Mr Corey said New Yorkers no *length* / *longer* want the phones. He said: "My office has received *number* / *numerous* community complaints from local residents about these antiquated pay phones, which *present* / *gift* public safety and quality of life issues. Additionally, they take up sorely needed sidewalk space that could better *reserve* / *serve* people with disabilities and families with strollers."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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T h _ _ n d _ s c _ m _ n g f _ r N _ w Y _ r k ' s p _ b l _ c p _ y
p h _ n _ s . N _ w Y _ r k C _ t y _ f f _ c _ _ l s s _ y w _ r k _ r s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200320-pay-phones.html>

the end is coming for new yorks public pay phones new york city officials say workers are currently removing all public pay phones from the citys streets pay phones used to be everywhere in the city on every street corner and in every park and public place engineers have started the removal work by taking away 30 pay phones from the hells kitchen area of the city in the coming months the remaining phones will go new york city spokesman corey johnson told the cnn news agency that the antiquated and outdated pay phone booths take up much needed sidewalk space removing these booths is a win for pedestrians who navigate these crowded blocks

many new yorkers probably wont even notice the phones are going most younger people have never used one they may have to read the instructions to use a phone and scramble for coins to feed it modern technology means the public phone is no longer needed over 95 per cent of americans have a mobile phone mr corey said new yorkers no longer want the phones he said my office has received numerous community complaints from local residents about these antiquated pay phones which present public safety and quality of life issues additionally they take up sorely needed sidewalk space that could better serve people with disabilities and families with strollers

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The end is coming for New York's public payphones. New York City officials say workers are currently removing all public payphones from the city's streets. Payphones used to be everywhere in the city - one every street corner and in every park and public place. Engineers have started the removal work by taking away 30 payphones from the Hell's Kitchen area of the city. In the coming months, the remaining phones will go. New York City spokesman Corey Johnson told the CNN news agency that: "The antiquated and outdated payphone booths take up much-needed sidewalk space. Removing these booths is a win for pedestrians who navigate these crowded blocks." Many New Yorkers probably won't even notice the phones are going. Most younger people have never used one. They may have to read the instructions to use a phone, and scramble for coins to feed it. Modern technology means the public phone is no longer needed. Over 95 percent of Americans have a mobile phone. Mr. Corey said New Yorkers no longer want the phones. He said: "My office has received numerous community complaints from local residents about these antiquated payphones, which present public safety and quality of life issues. Additionally, they take up more needed sidewalk space that could better serve people with disabilities and families with strollers."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PHONES: Make a poster about phones. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PUBLIC PHONES: Write a magazine article about making a law requiring public phones for people who do not have mobile phones. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on pay phones. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. g 7. d
8. i 9. j 10. m 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. h	3. j	4. i	5. b
6. c	7. d	8. e	9. a	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The end
2. On every street corner and in parks
3. Thirty
4. A New York City spokesman
5. Pedestrians
6. Many New Yorkers
7. Instructions
8. Over 95%
9. Complaints
10. People with disabilities

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Phones used to be everywhere in the city.
2. Started the removal work by taking away phones.
3. In the coming months the phones will go.
4. Phone booths take up much-needed sidewalk space.
5. Removing these booths is a win for pedestrians.
6. New Yorkers probably won't even notice the phones.
7. They may have to read the instructions.
8. Over 95% of Americans have a mobile phone.
9. Complaints from local residents about these pay phones.
10. Space that could better serve people with disabilities.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)