

When Is It Wrong to Use a Mobile? 何时不应该用手机?

英语学习点: *Anti-social Behaviour* 不合社会礼仪的行为

A leading classical music composer's got so fed up with mobile phones going off during performances that he wants offenders to be fined and ejected from the venue.

Sir Peter Maxwell Davis's call for a zero-tolerance policy has sparked a debate about when and where it's appropriate to use mobiles. But would a ban work?



When and where is it appropriate to use mobile phones?

It's been described as one of the great artistic blights of our time: the ringing mobile phone in the middle of a particularly quiet and moving piece of music, or just as the lead actor in your favourite play is about to deliver his lines... To be, or not to... BEEP!

For some it's a nuisance; for others an act of vandalism. Sir Peter, who is the Master of the Queen's Music, has called it artistic terrorism.

After at least three mobiles interrupted a concert he was attending, he said he'd write to mobile networks to find out how a penalty system could be introduced. Any money raised by the clampdown would go to a musicians' charity.

But it's not just the ring tones which get up Sir Peter's nose. He also finds people texting and checking their emails distracting and discourteous.

Many agree with his hard-line approach. But others argue that too many stringent rules will put people off going to concerts. Musician and journalist Samara Ginsberg reckons audiences are self-policing anyway. She thinks they let miscreants know very clearly their mobile use is unacceptable. If they do it again they understand "they'll be strung up," she said.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Does Sir Peter Maxwell Davis think people who use mobiles at concerts should be removed from the venue?
2. What crime does Sir Peter compare using a mobile in a concert to?
3. Does Sir Peter want to get rich from fining people?
4. Is Sir Peter's approach moderate?
5. Does everyone agree there's a need to create strict rules?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. People who commit crimes are called _____.

offensive	offending	offenders	offended
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2. Someone who breaks things and damages property deliberately is a _____.

vandalism	vandal	vandalise	vandaliser
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3. People checking their text messages _____ Sir Peter.

distracts	distraction	distracting	distracter
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4. Sir Peter's ideas about punishment for people who use mobiles in concerts are _____.

hardline	hard-line	hard line	hardliner
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5. In the past, they used to _____ people up for serious crimes, like murder.

strung	stringed	string	strang
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Does Sir Peter Maxwell Davis think people who use mobiles at concerts should be removed from the venue? Yes, he wants offenders to be fined and ejected from the venue.
2. What crime does Sir Peter compare using a mobile in a concert to? Terrorism. Sir Peter, who is the Master of the Queen's Music, has called it an act of musical terrorism.
3. Does Sir Peter want to get rich from fining people? No. Any money raised would go to a musicians' charity.
4. Is Sir Peter's approach moderate? No. Many agree with his hard-line approach.
5. Does everyone agree there's a need to create strict rules? No. Samara Ginsberg reckons audiences are self-policing.

Exercise 练习

1. People who commit crimes are called offenders.
2. Someone who breaks things and damages property deliberately is a vandal.
3. People checking their text messages distracts Sir Peter.
4. Sir Peter's ideas about punishment for people who use mobiles at concerts are hard-line.
5. In the past, they used to string people up for serious crimes, like murder.

Glossary 词汇表

offenders 触犯 (法律和规章的) 的人	fined 被罚款
ejected 被勒令离开	a zero-tolerance policy 零容忍, 决不容忍政策
blights 恶习, 祸害	a nuisance 讨厌的人, 事情
an act of vandalism 一种恶意破坏行为	terrorism 恐怖主义
a penalty system 一种惩罚制度	clampdown 镇压
get up (someone's) nose 触怒某人	distracting 分散 (注意力)
discourteous 不礼貌的, 不敬的	hard-line 强硬的
stringent 严厉的	self-policing 自我管制
miscreants 恶劣分子	strung up 被处以绞刑