

Addiction

A cellphone has become a large part of our lives today. *Statistically*, the total amount of cellphone *contracts* in Japan now go over the *population* of Japan. Takeshi could be one of the *affected* people.

Here are what he does in his everyday life; He gets up in the morning to check his phone, *confines* himself in the rest room with it along, keeps checking it on a way to school, gets home after school to check it again, sits right next to it while doing his homework, puts it in a plastic bag while taking a bath, and sleeps with it as if it were his *beloved* one.

Upon any text messages, he sends a reply within a minute. He feels *anxious* and *uneasy* if his friends don't reply within a minute. He is worried if they don't like him anymore.

One day, an accident happened. It was a rainy day. He had his hands slip and drop the beloved one into a *puddle*. It didn't turn back on.

All of a sudden, he *burst out* crying and *trembling* with fear for days.

- 1 What's the story about? Give the summary.
- 2 List at least 3 things he does everyday.
- 3 What are the advantages / disadvantages of cellphone?
- 4 Can you live without it? Why?



Vocabulary List

statistically:

with a set of numbers that shows the evidence of facts

(統計上、計算上)

contract:

an official agreement among two or more people

(契約)

population:

the number of people in a certain area or country

(人口)

affected:

with an influence of something or someone

(影響を受けている)

confine:

to keep something or someone in the limited activity or area

(制限する、閉じこもる)

beloved:

something or someone loved so much by someone

(大切な、愛する、いとしい)

anxious:

be worried about something

(不安な、心配な)

uneasy:

be worried or afraid of something or someone

(不安な、心配な)

burst out~ing:

to suddenly start to do something

(突然~しだす)

tremble:

to shake because you are afraid of something

(ふるえる)