

# Monologue Mania!

## “Cell Phone Envy” from *Ups and Downs*

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**CHILD PERSPECTIVE:** You are frustrated that your parents won't let you get a cell phone. (*Note: Character can be any gender. Also, feel free to update technological references accordingly.*)

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I don't see what the big deal is. Everyone has one. That's just the way it is nowadays. Technology is here to stay. Why are you fighting it? It's perfectly normal for kids my age to have cell phones. In fact, it's really weird when someone my age doesn't have one. Do you know how it looks when I'm the only one who doesn't have one? Think about it. It probably makes it seem like we can't afford one. You don't want everybody assuming that, do you? That we can't afford a simple, little thing like a cell phone? I always feel left out, too. It's embarrassing when everyone is talking about the apps on their phones and all the games they play and movies they watch, and I'm standing there looking clueless. How was I supposed to know there's an app that tells you the weather? Well, I'll tell you how I should have known. I should have a phone like everyone else does. Do you know how handy that would be? To know what the weather is like? Yeah, yeah, I can look out the window or walk outside, but isn't it so much easier to just tap the screen and find out these things? I could get ready so much faster in the morning if I knew how hot or cold it was outside! Don't you see how it could make all of our lives easier? I could set my own alarm, too. That would make the morning go smoother now, wouldn't it? Come on, you just have to let me get one!