

Mobile phones around the world

What do people in other countries do with their cell phones?

In Canada, our cell phones might just not work. But that's not a problem, because vacationers can go a Canadian tourist office and rent a cell phone that works with their system. But still, you can't always get a signal, because there's a lot of wilderness in Canada where cell phone reception is very poor.

CANADA

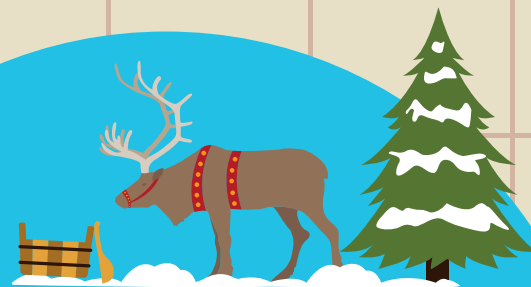
Capital: Ottawa
Area: 9,984,670 km²
Population: 34 million



The people of Finland use their phones a lot to go online. But they also do strange things with their phones. Finland is the birthplace of the Mobile Phone Throwing World Championships! The current record is for farthest toss is 101 meters.

FINLAND

Capital: Helsinki
Area: 338,432 km²
Population: 5 million



"Keitai" is the world for mobile in Japanese. Almost every Japanese girl and boy have a keitai, many of them have more than one. They like to use them to read "cell phone novels". Cell phone novels are short novels that are read in short installments on the phone and the Japanese love them.

JAPAN

Capital: Tokio
Area: 382,871 km²
Population: 126 million



AUSTRALIA

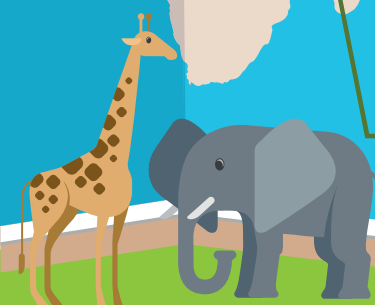
Capital: Canberra
Area: 7,692,024 km²
Population: 23 million



Australia is very, very big and towns and cities can be very, very far away from each other. It can be very hard to charge a cell phone battery in some places. That's why it's totally normal for an Australian to ask to charge their phone at a gas station or in a restaurant.

KENYA

Capital: Nairobi
Area: 580,367 km²
Population: 45 million



Kenya is located in East Africa. For Kenyans, a mobile phone is like a bank account in their pocket. They can pay for almost anything with their phones: groceries at the supermarket, concert tickets, flights, even school fees! Sometimes people even get paid from their jobs via their cell phone.

