

**1201205 – English for Information Technology 1**  
**Week 9 - Telecommunication**

**Members:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary

A. = Adjective ADV. = Adverb IDM. = Idiom N. = Noun V. = Verb

a carrier	N. a company which provides telephone service
<b>competition</b>	N. when several companies in an industry sell the same product or service resulting in lower prices and better customer support
deregulation	N. the act of taking a government-controlled industry and opening it up to private companies for the purpose of introducing competition
<b>a fee</b>	N. a charge for a professional service
to hook up	V. to make the electrical connections required for a machine or information service
<b>to install</b>	V. 1) to put in or add a piece of equipment or hardware 2) to add (new software or hardware) to a computer
<b>a monopoly</b>	N. when one company (or the government) has control over an industry and does not allow competition
to place a call	V. to make a telephone call
<b>the suburbs</b>	N. an area outside a city where people live rather than work
telecommunications	N. the industry or technology of sending and receiving messages by telephone (or other electronic devices)

## Vocabulary in Conversation

Fill in all the gaps using the new vocabulary.

*competition, deregulation, fee, installed, monopoly, suburbs, telecommunications, to place calls*

**Sandra:** Tony, I just moved into my new apartment, and I need to have the phone hooked up. I have no idea what I am doing; I have to make all these decisions about local, local long-distance, and long-distance carriers.

**Tony:** I know - it's really complicated. In America, we have somewhere between five and ten thousand long-distance telephone companies. It's good for (1)\_\_\_\_\_, but sometimes I think we have too much choice! It was easier before (2)\_\_\_\_\_ in the early eighties. The (3)\_\_\_\_\_ industry has become far too confusing, but at least prices have really gone down in the last twenty years.

**Sandra:** Why do I need to choose more than one company?

**Tony:** We divide telephone service into three categories: local, local long-distance, and long-distance. Your long-distance company allows you to call foreign countries, other American states, and other cities in your state. Your local long-distance company allows you to call (4)\_\_\_\_\_ or regions just outside your city. And, of course, your local company allows you (5)\_\_\_\_\_ within your own city.

**Sandra:** But they only asked me to choose a local long-distance company and a long-distance company. Don't I get to choose my local service?

**Tony:** In Southern California, we really don't have much choice yet when it comes to local service. It's still basically a (6)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Sandra:** Is it really expensive to make local telephone calls then? How much does it cost per minute?

**Tony:** Actually, for most people, local calls do not have a per-minute charge. You pay your local telephone company a monthly service (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of around ten to fifteen dollars for your local service, but then you don't have to pay per minute.

**Sandra:** You don't pay per minute? That's amazing! In my country, I normally have to pay a lot of money for local calls.

**Tony:** I rarely pay more than twenty dollars a month for local, local long-distance, and long-distance combined. It's so cheap that I had an extra telephone line (8)\_\_\_\_\_ for my daughter.

**Vocabularies:**

**Words**

**Meaning**

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