

16. Prepaid? Are You Kidding Me?

(Girl)

1 My parents are being so ridiculous! How can they expect
2 me to use this thing? Look at it! It's an antique! They
3 haven't made cell phones this big since ... I don't know ...
4 since cavemen used them, I guess! I can't even fit the thing
5 in my pocket. And prepaid? Are they kidding me? Do they
6 have any idea how expensive that's going to be? How is that
7 teaching me responsibility? Making me pay outrageous
8 amounts of money just to be able to text my friends!

9 Why can't I be on *their* plan? They have *unlimited*
10 texting, and they don't even know how to use it! My mother
11 has had a flashing envelope on her phone for two months
12 now. When I try to show her how to read it, she just glazes
13 over like I'm speaking another language and then says
14 stupid things like, "Well, nobody uses that anyway. Why
15 would they text me when they can just call me?"

16 Hello?! Nobody calls any more! What century is she
17 living in? I have friends who text over three thousand
18 messages a month! A month! Do my completely clueless
19 parents have *any* idea how much that would cost me? Let's
20 see, three thousand times twenty-five cents apiece ... that's
21 ... well ... I'm not good at math, but I know that's a whole
22 lot of money!

23 I might as well not have a phone if I have to have this
24 one! I'm too embarrassed to use it in public! It looks like a
25 walkie-talkie instead of a phone. And it doesn't even have a
26 camera! I didn't know they still *made* phones without
27 cameras! How am I supposed to send my friends pictures?
28 Oh, this is so lame. They can just have it back. Until they
29 put me on a real phone plan, I don't even want a cell phone!