

Tekst 9

critics' choice

Can You Live Without...?

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Usually the answer to the question posed by the title of this occasional TV series is "yes" – those guinea pigs who volunteer to live without, say, television or make-up cope very well, and resolve to become less dependent in future.

However, when a 10-phone household is asked to turn the clock back to the era before mass mobile use, the fascinating result is instant family breakdown.

The Coles – parents Steve and Jo, four girls aged between 12 and 17, and a 14-year-old boy who is so unfazed by the experiment that he gets little screen time – agree to lock their mobiles in a strongbox for a

fortnight, limiting themselves to using a single old-fashioned phone and barred from making calls to mobile numbers on it. By disconnecting them from their friends, this threatens, in one stroke, to rob Amy, Emma, Michelle and Hayley of their social life. As they are left out of the usual making of arrangements, they become isolated, 1970s-style teens, anxiously waiting for the lone phone to ring.

Relations between parents and daughters also deteriorate, because both the night-time taxi service that the former provide for the girls, and their ability to control what time they get home from their nights out, depend on calls to check up on them. Rows, sulks and curfew breaches are the result, and two of the girls become so frustrated that they break into the strongbox and remove a forbidden mobile.

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- 1p **35** Geeft de schrijver ook aan wat hij zelf vindt van de inhoud van deze aflevering van *Can You Live Without...??*? Zo ja, citeer het woord/de woorden waarmee hij dit doet. Zo nee, schrijf op "Nee".
- 2p **36** Geef voor elk van de onderstaande uitspraken aan of deze wel of niet overeenstemt met de inhoud van de tekst.
- 1 De dochters maakten buitenshuis stiekem toch gebruik van hun mobieltje.
 - 2 De gezinsleden kregen ruzie over het gebruik van de enige overgebleven telefoon.
 - 3 De verhoudingen binnen het gezin Cole waren al slecht voordat de opnames begonnen.
 - 4 In de reportage kregen de dochters meer aandacht dan de zoon.
- Noteer het nummer van elke uitspraak, gevolgd door "wel" of "niet".