

## Model Composition 4 – SMS

Everybody today uses the SMS to keep in touch. SMS stands for 'Short Message Service', a system we use to send text messages to one another with our mobile phones.

The SMS is very convenient. Messages are sent and received immediately, and the same message can be sent to many different people once it has been written. Also, SMS messages do not have to be read immediately. If a person is busy when he receives an SMS, he can always read it later when he has some time to spare. Since they are passed through mobile phones, these messages can be received wherever the recipient is. SMS messages can even be sent from one country to another. One good thing about SMS is that the messages can be saved so we can keep the more important messages and delete those unimportant ones. In some ways, it is like a portable version of electronic mail.

The only problem with the SMS is that there is a limited number of characters that can be sent per message. Because of the character limit, many people have started typing their messages using shortened spelling in their words. Some are so used to writing this way that they begin to forget how to spell properly. Also, SMS messages can be very distracting. Many students get into trouble for messaging one another during lessons. Because of this, some schools prohibit their students from bringing mobile phones to school.

My friends and I use the SMS a lot. It is very cheap and efficient. However, we have to make sure that we do not go overboard.