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- Sam: You mean ... actually switching off our phones right now?
- Gemma:** Shall we? What do you think?
- Sam: Er, OK. It'll give me something to post on Facebook later.
- Gemma:** Yeah, come on! Honestly, we haven't had a good chat in real life for ages.
- Sam: All right – you're absolutely right.
- Gemma:** OK! Brilliant. On three then!
- Gemma and Sam:** One ... two ... three ... off!
- Sam: Wow! We did it.
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- Gemma:** Wow. Really? Now that *is* something to post on Facebook. 'Sam survives a whole day without his phone!'

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