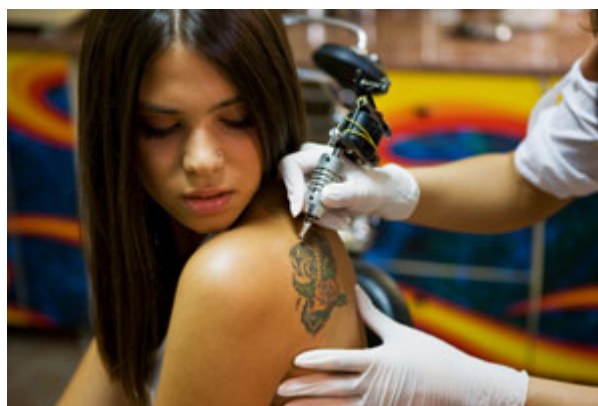


Vibrating tattoos 会震动的纹身图案

英语学习点: 手机 *Vocabulary: mobile phones*

Imagine having a tattoo that **vibrates** every time you receive **an SMS** or another mobile phone **alert**. It might sound like something out of a sci-fi film, but Nokia think the idea has a nice **ring to it**.

The Finnish company has filed a **patent** for the idea of tattooing, stamping or spraying **ferromagnetic** material on skin, which would be connected to a **mobile phone**.



The patent application suggests the tattoo could vibrate for any kind of alert, from a **top-up** to an **answer phone message**: "Examples of... **applications** may be **low battery** indication, received message, received call, calendar alert, change of **profile**, e.g. based on timing, change of time zone, or any other."

The word **coverage** in the world of mobile phones could come to mean more than the geographical area in which you can use your mobile: what part of your body would the tattoo cover? Options suggested so far are a person's arm, abdominal area, finger or fingernail.

Getting a tattoo would no longer be an aesthetic choice as the tattoos may even be invisible. People might also get **charged up** about the possibility of using the tattoo as an identity check and as a password to use devices such as laptops.

But is it right to let technology invade not only our lives but also our bodies? Or do we need a **wake-up call**? For those who like to relax and **switch off**, the idea may need to be **put on hold**.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What idea has Nokia filed a patent for?
2. True, false or not given: *The tattoo would only vibrate when a user receives a text message or phone call.*
3. Why might the tattoos be useful for a person's online security?
4. Which phrasal verb in the article means to stop thinking or concentrating?
5. Look at the article. Which phrasal verb means both 'to make someone wait on the telephone' and 'to stop the progress of something'?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. My boyfriend didn't even call me for my birthday... He sent me _____ !

a wake-up call	an SMS	a password	an alert
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2. I can't call you from the hotel because the _____ isn't very good and I have no signal.

vibrations	charger	coverage	low battery
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3. "I'm not sure whether Chris is here today. I'll put you _____ for a minute while I check."

on answer message	on the line	on the hold	on hold
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4. That girl thinks she is better than everyone else. She really needs _____ !

a mobile phone	a wake-up call	a vibrating tattoo	a top-up
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5. Clive didn't answer but I got through to his _____ and left a message.

laptop	application	answer phone	text messages
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What idea has Nokia filed a patent for? Nokia has filed a patent for the idea of tattoos that would vibrate when a user receives an alert on their mobile phone.
2. True, false or not given: *The tattoo would only vibrate when a user receives a text message or phone call.* False: The tattoo would vibrate for any type of alert, from text messages to a low battery alert.
3. Why might the tattoos be useful for a person's online security? It might be possible to use the tattoos to check a person's identity. For instance, a laptop might only display content when it recognises the user's tattoo.
4. Which phrasal verb in the article means 'to stop thinking or concentrating'? To 'switch off'. This can be used in a negative way: The lecture was so boring that I completely switched off! Or in a positive way: I can't wait to go on holiday to forget about work and switch off.
5. Look at the article. Which phrasal verb means both 'to make someone wait on the telephone' and 'to stop the progress of something'? The phrasal verb 'to put on hold'.

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Glossary 词汇表

to vibrate	震动
an SMS	一条短信
an alert	提醒
a (nice) ring to something	听起来还不错
a patent	一项专利
ferromagnetic	强磁性的
a mobile phone	一部手机
a top-up	一次充值
an answer phone message	电话留言
an application	申请
low battery	低电量
profile	个人信息
coverage	覆盖面
charged up	引起担忧或紧张
a wake-up call	敲响警钟
to switch off	完全放松
to put on hold	搁置，停下了