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Smart phones are catching on fast in Korea, as is the case in many other countries. **They are no longer just for early adopters**. Their popularity has a lot to do with people's desires for **all-in-one gadgets**. These phones have tons of functions. They can be used as a PDA, an MP3 and video player, and of course a phone. Smart phones can also connect easily to the Internet, practically making them mobile computers. Smart phones usually have touch-screen capabilities, which make them very convenient to use. **The competition in the smart phone market is growing fiercer every day**. **Apple's iPhone made its debut in the Korean market with much fanfare** late last year. **Domestic companies** such as LG and Samsung **are doing their best to outsell the iPhone**.

My opinion
I love to use my smart phone, iPhone, which is all-in-one gadgets including MP3 and video player, mail checker, twitter, web browser, organizer, camera, maps and so on. As soon as the iPhone was released in Korea at December 2009, I was so excited to reserve it as soon as possible because I didn't want to carry (around) so many devices. The iPhone can do everything I want. I think a smart phone, especially iPhone, is used as a small laptop including functions of a phone, it is not a phone including functions of a PDA. Just as the iPhone was released The beginning of the release iPhone in Korea, various smart phones start to appear on the open Korean market share. We have a lot of choices to pick from a wide variety of smart phones. However, users have to ~~On the contrary,~~ I should subscribe to a flat rate payment system to connect to the Internet through iPhone, and it sure is expensive. My phone bill was actually around 25,000 won a month before switching to using iPhone. On the contrary, How that I use the I should pay around 50,000 won have to included the data charge. Every month, I get 500MB of free internet data which is too huge to use up spend it. I am satisfied with iPhone.

Because of the many functions, high speed and its stylish design, I

Extra Topics for Study Groups

- 1. Do you use a smart phone or touch-screen phone? If not, why not?
- 2. What are the pros and cons of smart phones?
- 3. Talk about all the things you do with your cell phone.

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