

## **How The Tables Have Turned: A How-To For... Flip Phones?**

Picture this, you're on the bus and decide to kill time by pulling out your flip phone to play Snake until either you've arrived at your stop, or your fingers start hurting from mashing those tiny buttons. You may think to yourself, "Hey, I loved living in 2007," and I agree, it was a golden era of technology.

Sure, it took nearly 30 minutes to write a text message, but it's the nostalgia of how cool we all looked flipping our phones in an effortless motion, clacking away to no end to send a "Haha, same" text. Guess what? It's present day and those very flip phones are making a comeback!

Retro tech is slowly making its way to consumers' hands and is a hot commodity for holiday shopping lists. Isn't that ironic that Gen Z, the ones who coined "Ok, Boomer" and "Go home, Karen" will now have to get a how-to on using their new flip phone? Here's fool-proof instruction on how to use your flip phone:

### **1. Exercise Your Thumbs**

Are you sure you still want to do this? My thumbs can feel the burn as I mention the thought of a flip phone. I say, it built some character for us as we had to work our way into tech innovation years later. If you've made it this far, your determination is admirable, and I won't gatekeep any longer.

Writing a text can take you a while as you're subjected to using your 10-digit pad to get the character you want. A simple "Hi" will take you five taps of your thumb on the number 4, compared to just two taps. Texting efficiency is completely gone, but hey, I dig your new aesthetic.

### **2. Flip it Like You Mean It**

The Pharoah doesn't walk into a room without flaunting the jewelry they have on, so why shouldn't you do the same, King/Queen? If you are in possession of a flip phone, you need to flip that bad boy like an egg – all in one motion. Let your presence be known by flipping your phone in pride.

We need you to be confident in saying, "It's 2024, but I'm staying in 2007."

### **3. It's Not Official Until You Get Your Ringtone**

After you've mastered the first two steps, the last thing to do is to earn your wings. And by that, I mean, picking the right 15-seconds of a song to make as your ringtone. I promise you; this is where DJ's careers were made. Plus, you might as well fully commit to the retro-tech aesthetic and immerse in how it was done in the early 2000's.

It would take us days of planning what song lyrics would resonate most with our personality during that moment. Be colorful. Be bold. Pick a song that would light up a room (maybe even annoy them). Whatever it is, bring joy back into a world where flip phones and ringtones have become outdated to a world of constant buzz and monotony.

And there it is! Three simple steps of how to *correctly* use your flip phone. Or is it really that simple...