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ACCESSORY of the WEEK

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And it doesn't just work with your phone. Put the hipKey on your child's pocket and you'll know if they've wandered too far.



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GADGET of the WEEK



JUST take a look at this radio. It could have been made decades ago, with its classic styling and the big twiddly knob for tuning the FM signal.

But this is a modern radio. It doesn't have DAB – as Tivoli have included Bluetooth technology so you can stream music from your smartphone to it. All you need to do is make sure your mobile is less than 30ft away and it will work. There's also a free Android and iPhone app from Tivoli, who have sorted through the bewilder-

Tivoli Model One BT radio, (£199, tivoliaudio.co.uk)

ing range of internet radio stations so you don't have to.

It has boiled them down to 100 unmissable broadcasters that you can listen to through the radio's speaker.

And don't be put off by the fact that the radio is only mono. It sounds as good as many a stereo hi-fi system.

APP of the WEEK

Easy Envelope Budget Aid (iPhone, free)

OK, so it's not quite as old-school as actually keeping your money in separate envelopes in a secret tin, but it works in the same way – just no tin, no money and the envelopes are virtual.

Check your budget quickly on your phone with a fixed number of envelopes (one for groceries, one for entertainment, one for eating out and so on).

If you want more than the 20 envelopes available in the free version, there are paid features you can add.



Anydroid you want

OUR PICK OF THE HANDSETS

SMARTPHONE operating systems come in different flavours – Apple's iOS, Microsoft's Windows Phone and BlackBerry's new BB10 are just three.

But the most popular by far is Google's Android. Every day, worldwide, 1.3million Android smartphones are activated.

And while the phones made by Apple and BlackBerry only work with their own systems, Samsung,

LG, Sony, Motorola, Huawei and others all make Android phones.

The first Android phone arrived in early 2009. But the system really took off with phones such as the HTC Desire, the Motorola RAZR Maxx and the massively popular Samsung Galaxy S III.

However big or small your budget, there's an Android handset for you, from the super-affordable to one that's £14,000.



The bargain

The superphone

For millionaires

Huawei Ascend G300
£120 on PAYG
Vodafone.co.uk
BUDGET phones often have small, low-resolution screens and shonky build quality. Not this one.
The 4in display is big and bright, with subtle colours and sharp detail.
The case is strong and feels good. The camera is a 5MP job and the Android software isn't quite the latest, but it's highly affordable.

LG Nexus 4, £379.95 on PAYG
carphonewarehouse.com
THIS is a slick, powerful handset with the latest software, called Jelly Bean. It has a high-resolution 4.7in screen which looks as good as the iPhone's.
The build quality is exceptional, it's sleek and glossy, the 8MP camera is easy to use and a fast quad-core processor runs like the blazes. And it costs a lot less than Apple's iPhone to boot.

Vertu Ti, from £6,800
vertu.com
PITY the rich guy. He wants everyone to know he's loaded but doesn't want a phone dripping in jewels. Thank goodness, then, for British firm Vertu.
The Ti is their first Android phone with a sapphire crystal screen that won't scratch when it touches your Rolex.
The chassis is titanium-plated and leather-backed. The red gold version is £14,000. Now THAT is vulgar.

DEVICES ON SALE	APPS	MARKET SHARE
Android: 30+	Android: 700,000+	Android: 69 per cent
Apple iOS: 3	Apple iOS: 750,000	Apple iOS: 21 per cent
Windows Phone: Under 10	Windows Phone: 150,000	Windows Phone: 3 per cent
BlackBerry 10: 1	BlackBerry 10: 70,000	BlackBerry 10: n/a

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