

## **CELL PHONE PLANS**

Your auntie has offered to buy you a cell phone for your birthday. The deal is, however, that you have to pay for the cell phone plan out of your own pocket. There are six plans to choose from:

1. Koodo 4GB Data, Talk and Text smartphone plan: \$55/month
2. TELUS Peace of Mind Connect unlimited data plan: \$85/month
3. Lucky Mobile 750MB Canada-wide data-only plan: \$15/month
4. Lucky Mobile 4GB Canada-wide data-only plan: \$30/month
5. Freedom Mobile Prepaid BASIC Talk + Text (no data) plan: \$14/month
6. Freedom Mobile Prepaid UNLIMITED Talk + Text (no data) plan: \$48/month

Choose one of these plans based on the details provided in the following pages – your decision should be based on a mathematical comparison of the plans. Show all work and reasoning you carry out to arrive at your decision.

Write an explanation that will convince your aunt that this is the best plan for you.

## Reviews

From: <https://www.whistleout.ca/CellPhones/Guides/best-cell-phone-plans#smartphone-plan>

### **Koodo 4GB and Unlimited Minutes Plan**

The best smartphone plan in Canada right now is from Koodo Mobile with unlimited talk, text and 4GB of data for \$55/month when you bring your own phone.

**Why we love it:** You probably don't need unlimited data for \$75 per month or more. In fact, most Canadians use less than 2GB of data every month. Koodo offers you 4GB of data on Canada's largest LTE network. The plan costs you \$55/month.

**Koodo Mobile**

### **Koodo Mobile \$55 - Tab Small or No Tab/BYO Plan with 4GB Data**

Carrier	Koodo Mobile
Data	4GB Data
Type	No Contract
Current Deal	Receive 1000 FREE international mins to select destinations with BYO phone
Total Price	<b>\$55 per month</b>

Note: If you go over your data limit, you can be charged up to an additional \$50 per month.

# Telus Peace of Mind Connect Plan

The best unlimited data plan in Canada is the Telus Peace of Mind Connect plan for \$85/month. This plan includes 10GB of full-speed LTE data before your download speeds are throttled.

**Why we love it:** Telus has added 10GB, 20GB and 50GB unlimited data plans to new Peace of Mind Connect plans. These plans offer many features similar to the competition, including:

- unlimited talk and text
- large data caps
- unlimited throttled data (512 kbps) when you go over your monthly limit
- change plans at any time with no penalty even if you're on a 2-year financing plan

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## Telus Peace of Mind Connect

Carrier	Telus
Data	10GB Full Speed Data
Type	No Contract
Total Price	<b>\$85 per month</b>

# Best Data-Only Mobile Plan

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Whether you use Facetime, Skype, or another VoIP service, cell phones don't really need minutes and SMS text anymore. Get a simple data-only mobile plan and don't pay extra for minutes you won't use.

## Lucky Mobile Canada-wide Data Plan

The best data-only plan is the \$15 Nationwide Data-only Plan from Lucky Mobile.

**Why we love it:** Canada doesn't really have a lot of low-cost cell phone plans. If you just need a data connection, \$15 with Lucky Mobile will give you 500MB of data on the nationwide Bell Mobility network. If you set up Automatic Top-Ups with a payment card, you get an extra 250MB. That's more than Chatr gives you for \$15 and on a larger network.

Download speeds are throttled at 3Mbps, and if you hit your data limit your speeds are slowed to a trickle (128 kbps). That's really only good for basic browsing and chat, but you'll stay connected without ever paying data overages.

**Lucky Mobile**

## Lucky Mobile \$15 Canada-wide Data Only Plan

Carrier	Lucky Mobile
Data	750MB Data
Type	Prepaid (1 Month)
Total Price	<b>\$15 per month</b> <b>+ \$10 Upfront</b>

Note: If you go over your data limit, you can be charged up to an additional \$50 per month.

OR, the Lucky Mobile plan offers 4GB of data for \$30/month + \$10 upfront.

# Best Talk and Text (No Data) Deal

With WiFi available at coffee shops, schools, libraries, as well as at work and at home, many Canadians find the best cell phone plan doesn't need data. Whether you're looking for something low-priced to keep you connected, or a basic plan for your kids, talk and text plans let you pay for only what you need.

## Freedom Mobile Prepaid Talk + Text

The best talk and text plan is Freedom Mobile's prepaid Talk + Text plan for as little as \$14/month.

Freedom Mobile

### Freedom Mobile Prepaid Talk + Text plan

Carrier	Freedom Mobile
Data	None included
Type	Prepaid (1 Month)
Total Price	<b>\$14 per month</b> with Digital Discount <b>+ \$10 Upfront</b>

Note: This is the Freedom Mobile Prepaid BASIC Talk + Text (no data) plan. This includes 100 minutes of “anytime” talk time and 50 text messages. If you exceed these limits, you will be charged \$.30 per additional minute of talk-time and \$.15 for each additional text message sent.

OR, you can also select the Freedom Mobile Prepaid UNLIMITED Talk + Text (no data) plan for \$48/month.

