**Appliances and components**

Task:

Read the following sentences, then try to find the English expressions for the German words below.

1. I tried to call him several times yesterday, but all I got was the engaged signal. Who was he talking to for hours?
2. When I talked to him the next day he apologized and told me that he had not replaced the receiver carefully.
3. When Mr. Jones came back from his vacation he had 58 messages on his answering machine.
4. He had told his secretary to tell all his business partners that they can reach him on his cell phone, but his secretary had forgotten to give callers this message.
5. In call-centres the employees often use a headset.
6. If you don’t know somebody’s number you can call the directory enquiries or, if you have a computer, you can look the number up in an online directory.
7. If your fixed line has an ISDN connection, you can hear the dialing tone even though the person you are calling is speaking with somebody else.

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| Handy |  | Festnetz |  |
| Hörer |  | Onlineverzeichnis |  |
| Anrufbeantworter |  | Nachricht |  |
| Freizeichen |  | Telefonauskunft |  |
| Hörsprechgarnitur |  | Besetztzeichen |  |

**Lösung**

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| Handy | cell phone | Festnetz | fixed line |
| Hörer | receiver | Onlineverzeichnis | online directory |
| Anrufbeantworter | answering machine | Nachricht | message |
| Freizeichen | dialing tone | Telefonauskunft | directory enquiries |
| Hörsprechgarnitur | headset | Besetztzeichen | engaged signal |