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Smartphones and tablets aren't very efficient with battery use. Not a huge problem if you're at home or work. Even my local buses have power points, so there aren't many times in a normal day when I can't plug in. On holiday it's another matter, so familiarise yourself with your mobile's settings to get the most out of the battery.

Power management apps such as [Juice Defender](#) are popular on Android, as is [Battery Doctor](#), also available on iOS. I find these are only partially effective, and it depends on your specific hardware and how it's used.

Areas with little or no reception draw power faster as the phone attempts to find signals. A catch-all way to reduce drain is to go into 'flight mode'. It doesn't matter if your feet are firmly on terra firma, and it leaves with you with a device suitable for more leisure-friendly activities, like taking photos or playing locally stored media; handy if your kids are getting bored on a long journey.

If you need one or more of the features that flight mode removes, then delve into the settings to switch individual items the way you want. If you rely on map apps you can't avoid using GPS. You can set menu shortcuts or widgets to easily toggle things on or off.

If you're lucky with sunny weather, you'll need a brightly backlit screen to see what you are doing. The downside is that it drains the juice. Try auto brightness and reduce screen timeout.

Repeat offenders for battery life are commonplace apps that are all syncing, all dancing. They attempt to connect throughout the day to fetch or back-up data and spew out notifications. Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Dropbox and email are often configured this way by default but can be tweaked.

Change 'push email' to manual collection. You can fetch messages if and when needed, but consider this too: why read emails on holiday in the first place?

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