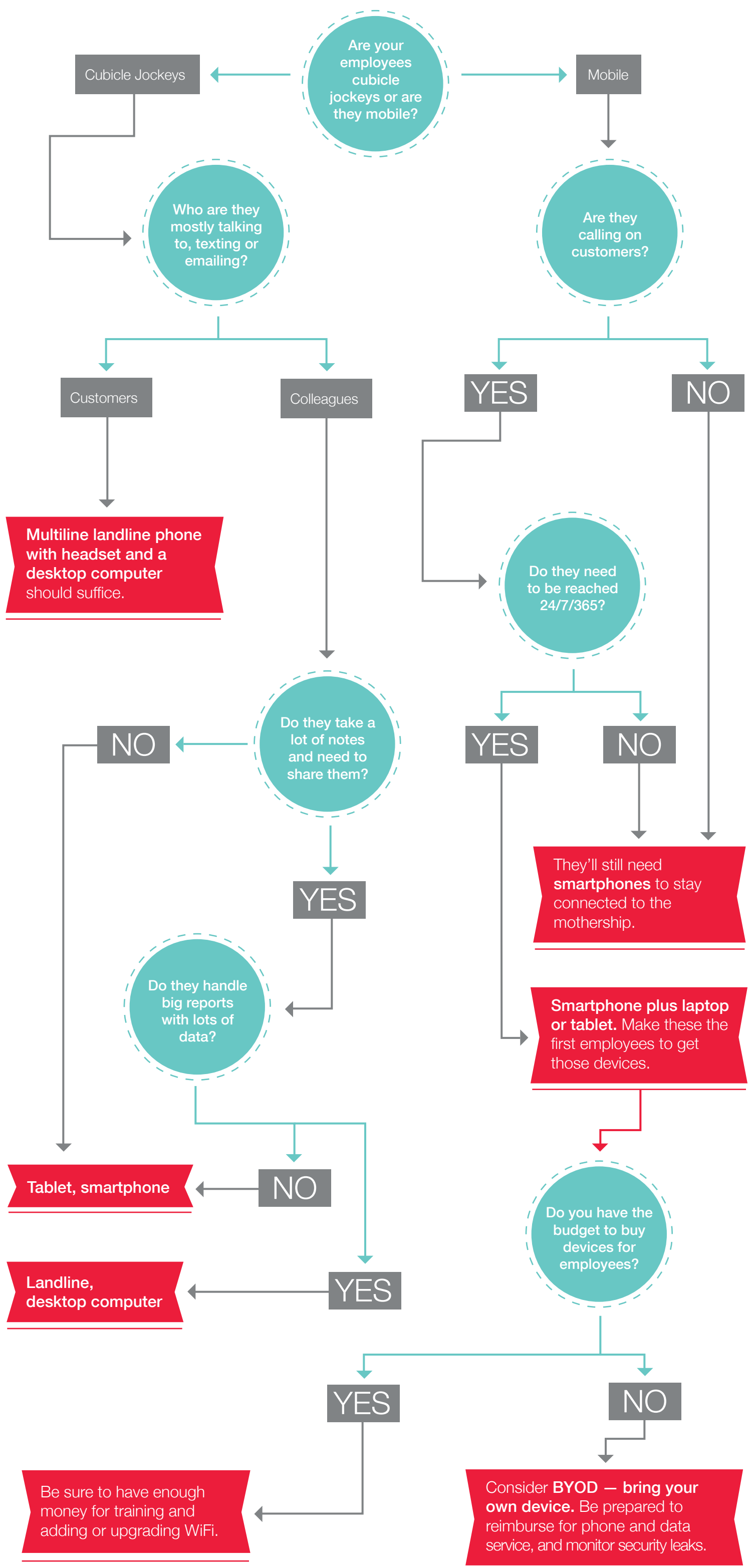


What Communication Devices Do My Employees Need?



Desktop computers

can utilize Internet-based phone services such as Skype for a cost-effective alternative to landline phones. They're still standard for big data-crunching projects and for creating presentations, which can later be moved to tablets.

Landline phones

offer better reception and voice quality and are a reliable and consistent form of communication that doesn't require an Internet connection or strong cell phone signal, which is important during bad weather. But they're useless during a commercial power failure.

Smartphones

are good for quickly responding to emails and texts, as well as making actual phone calls. Employers need a policy of personal cell phone use and how to monitor it. Cell phones are useless if office is located in a Wi-Fi dead zone such as a basement.

Tablets

are easier to read and send emails from than cell phones. They make slideshows and video presentations easier, but using a touch screen and typing long documents is more difficult. Not viable for running large data-intensive applications.