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1. Read the text and solve the activities below.

Teens and Mobile Phones

How much do you love your mobile phone? Could you live without it? Find out parents and teachers say about the subject!

PARENTS

Parents want their kids to be safe. Are teenagers safer with a mobile phone or without? Many parents want their children to have a phone so that they can be in contact at any time or in any place. On the other hand, for lots of parents a phone is a source of possible danger. Parents worry that their child may meet the wrong kind of 'friends' on social networking sites or that they might receive cruel messages from school bullies. Some parents have rules about their children's mobile phone and internet usage and bad behaviour can result in removal of mobile privileges.

William, from Coventry. William is a parent of two teenagers.

The great thing about my kids having mobile phones is that I can keep in touch with them. The worst thing about teenagers having phones is that some young people use them to send offensive messages to each other.

SCHOOL

Mobile phones are permitted at school in the UK but pupils are not allowed to use them in class and they must be on silent during lessons. Teachers can take away phones if these rules are broken. School students can use their phones at break time and at lunchtime. Some teachers in British schools complain that pupils don't always follow the rules and that lessons are interrupted by people texting, making and receiving calls, looking at social networking sites, watching videos and even making videos in the class.

Stan, from Chester. Stan is a French teacher.

I know that some people want mobiles to be banned at school but as a language teacher I find that phones can be pretty useful in class for educational purposes of course. For example, the students write a dialogue in French, they record it on a phone, and then they listen to the recording and try to correct any mistakes or improve pronunciation.

2. Answer if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

a. Some parents think that mobile phones are dangerous. ☐

b. William thinks that kids who have mobiles are not offensive to each other. ☐

c. Teens can't take their mobiles to school in Britain. ☐

d. Lessons at school are interrupted by people using their phones. ☐

e. Some teachers use mobiles phones to help their students learn. ☐

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3. Circle the correct answer.

1. What do parents worry about?

    a. They worry about kids losing their phones.

    b. They worry about making wrong friends on social networks.

    c. They worry about their kids sending cruel messages.

2. What does William think about kids having mobile phones?

    a. He thinks that is great because he can be in contact with them but he worries about bullies.

    b. He thinks that having a mobile phone is useful in case of emergency.

    c. He thinks that kids shouldn't have mobile phones because they are cruel to each other.

3. Are mobile phones permitted at school?

    a. Yes, they are.

    b. No, They aren´t.

    C. yes, they are but with rules.

4. When can students use their phones at school?

    a. They can use them during classes.

    b. They can use them at break times and lunchtime.

    c. They can use them with the teacher's permission.

5. Stan thinks that using mobile phones …

    a. is good for educational purposes.

    b. is distracting.

    c. should be banned from school.

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4. Multiple Choice

1. I use the _____ app to write down ideas for songs or stories.

a. calendar   b. notes   c. mail

2. My brother often _____ maps to check directions.

a. uses   b. use   c. don't use

3. Mike loves using the _____ to edit, store and upload photos.

a. web browser   b. camera   c. compass

4. Does your mobile phone _____ a camera?

a. has   b. have   c. is having

5. Sally usually _____ her bed before going to school.

a. lays   b. does   c. makes

6. We usually _____ lunch at school but today, we _____ a picnic in the park.

a. have/are having   b. has/is having   c. have/has

7. This weekend, my dad _____ me to the cinema.

a. takes   b. is taking   c. take

8. My mum often _____ the floors in my house.

a. wash   b. is cleaning   c. cleans

9. On Sundays, I usually _____ online videos.

a. play   b. watch   c. use

10. Jack _____ to New York tomorrow.

a. leaves   b. leave   c. is leaving

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5. Writing
Write **an essay** discussing the **advantages and disadvantages** of *watching TV*. Follow this guide:
- Paragraph 1: Introduce the Topic.
- Paragraph 2: Mention three possible advantages of watching TV and provide reasons.
- Paragraph 3: Mention three possible disadvantages of watching TV and provide reasons.
- Paragraph 4: Conclusion.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS