1 16 Read the texts. Does each writer feel positive, negative, or both positive and negative about devices at school?

DEVICES @ SCHOOL: Cool or not cool?



A

At San Clemente High, they let us take cell phones to school, but we aren't allowed to keep them in class. The teachers make us put our phones in a special closet. I think it's a good system. I often need my phone on the way to or from school, but no one needs a phone in class. We're there to study, not to chat!

Ángel, San Clemente, CA

B

We can use tablets and phones in our Spanish class. Our teacher lets us use a dictionary app. There are a lot of great apps for language classes. Once, we took pictures with our phones and we talked about them in Spanish. We also use tablets in science to watch experiments online. Devices are useful in schools, but we have to have rules about when we can use them.

Owen, San Antonio, TX

C

Phones distract everyone in class, so I think they should stay in your school bag. But they're also important in case of an emergency. Sometimes, my mom can't take me home from school, and she needs to text me to tell me. Phones and devices are a normal part of life outside school, so I think we should be allowed to use them every recess.

Kayla, Trenton, NJ

D

Phones were a problem at my school because of bullying. People could do things like take an embarrassing picture of you and post it on social media. And people always compared phones, and they teased people with old or cheap phones. So the principal made a rule that no one is allowed a phone at school. School's easier now without devices.

Serenity, Ontario, Canada

2 Match the sentences with the texts.

1 School is a place for studying, not for using phones. A
2 Students should be able to use phones between classes. _____
3 Devices can be useful during classes. _____
4 Students leave their phones in a safe place in school. _____
5 Phones cause bad behavior at school. _____
6 People need a phone if there's a problem or if plans change. _____

3 Complete the notes with information from the texts. Which do you agree and disagree with?

How phones can be useful in school

1 dictionaries and other apps – I agree
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

How phones can be a problem in school

6 _____
7 _____

4 What other ideas could you add? Discuss and compare in pairs.

LIVEWORKSHEETS