

Unit 01

Books vs. Smartphones



Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 What is your favorite book?
- 2 What do you do on your smartphone?
- 3 Which is more fun for you, reading books or using smartphones?

Introducing the Topic



Only half of children between 6 and 11 years old like to read for fun these days. More than 10 percent of children do not like to read books at all. One reason for this is that more children use smartphones. Almost 100 percent of children use smartphones during the day.

Learning about the Topic

Should children read books instead of using smartphones?

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Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

In the past, children often read books. These days, children do not read many books. Many children **prefer** to use smartphones. Are smartphones good for children? Should they read books instead?

Why Reading Books Is Better

First of all, children can learn **specific** information. Books can have lots of detailed text. So children can learn a lot from books. For instance, some books explain a person's entire life. Children can learn everything about that person. However, this is hard to do with smartphones. Next, books allow children to improve their **verbal** skills. Reading helps children learn new words. When they speak, they can use new words. In addition, when they hear a difficult word, they can understand its meaning. But children do not learn as many words by using smartphones.



Why Using Smartphones Is Better

For one, using smartphones is more enjoyable. Smartphones have many different **applications**. Children can use phones to play games, to watch videos, and to surf the Internet. However, books are just words printed on a page. Smartphones also make learning simple. With books, children can only read information, and they might not understand all the ideas in the book. With smartphones, learning is easier and more fun. For example, children can learn about history with smartphones. They can see videos of famous events in history. These videos can explain difficult **concepts** easily.



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Vocabulary Check

Chọn từ thích hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

prefer applications concept specific verbal

1. The teacher explained the very difficult math **concept** to the students.
2. Kids develop their **verbal** skills very fast.
3. Smartphones have many exciting **applications**, such as games.
4. I **prefer** exercising outside instead of at the gym.
5. If you have any **specific** questions, please ask me now.

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Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. How can books teach more specific information?
 - a. Books have more difficult words.
 - b. Books include lots of detailed text.
2. What benefits do children get from reading books?
 - a. They understand all the ideas in the books.
 - b. They learn how to speak the words they read.
3. Why is using a smartphone more enjoyable than reading books?
 - a. Because it has many different applications
 - b. Because it has many words printed on a page
4. Why is it easier for children to learn about history with smartphones?
 - a. Because they can watch videos about events
 - b. Because they can make videos about events

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