Unit 09

Mobile Phones at Schools



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Warm-Up

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

1. Do you have your own mobile phone? Is it a smartphone?
2. How often do you look at your phone in a day?
3. Does your phone make your life easier or harder?

Introducing the Topic

These days, almost everyone has a mobile phone. This makes it possible to stay in contact with friends and family more easily than ever. However, mobile phones can also be very distracting. People easily become addicted to them. This has led to bans on mobile phones at many schools to keep students focused on their studies.

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Learning about the Topic

Should mobile phones be banned at schools? 25

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

In the U.S., over 80 percent of teenagers today have mobile phones, most of which are smartphones. While smartphones can be great to communicate with others, they can also lead to **behavioral** problems at school. Should students be allowed to use mobile phones at school?

Mobile Phones Should Be Banned at Schools

To start, students do not need mobile phones at school. Mobile phones **enable** students to make phone calls, to send text messages, and to use the Internet. During class time, having phones will just distract the students. If students need to make a phone call, they can use one of the school's phones. Furthermore, smartphones could lead to cheating. With the Internet, students can easily search for answers during tests. This is **obviously** a problem. Since teachers cannot stop students from cheating all the time if they have smartphones, the best solution is to ban mobile phones altogether.



Mobile Phones Should Not Be Banned at Schools

To start, a **ban** takes away students' rights to use their phones. Mobile phones are common and important tools around the world today. Students should be able to use their phones when they need to. So schools should not ban them or take them away. Furthermore, schools can make rules for the use of mobile phones, such as only allowing their use during breaks. These rules can make students more responsible and give them a chance to learn self-control. By banning mobile phones completely, schools deny students the **opportunity** to learn how to use their mobile phones properly.



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Vocabulary Check

Chọn từ thích hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

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1. Sally had _____ issues when she was a teenager.
2. The city announced a(n) _____ on phone use while driving.
3. The Internet has _____ people to communicate more easily.
4. Andy did a great job! He had _____ worked hard.
5. Joining a book club is a great _____ to meet new people.

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Comprehension Questions

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

1. What is one negative aspect of mobile phone use at schools?
   a. Mobile phones are distracting to students.
   b. Mobile phones can be easily stolen.
2. How can smartphones lead to cheating?
   a. Students can search for answers online.
   b. Students will play games during tests.
3. Why is it wrong for schools to take students' phones away?
   a. Because students need their phones to make friends
   b. Because students might need to use their phones
4. What is one benefit of allowing mobile phones at schools?
   a. Students will learn how to use their phones responsibly.
   b. Students will learn how to use newest technology.

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