

CONNECT THE READINGS

STEP 1: Organize

Reading One (R1) and Reading Two (R2) both address the problems caused by our growing dependence on smartphones and other electronic devices. They suggest some specific problems associated with this dependence. In R1, along with her personal experiences, Susan Davis also includes the opinions of experts regarding dependency issues. In R2, the writer uses her son as an example of some problems that overreliance on smartphones and other electronic devices *may* cause. Both readings also offer solutions for how to manage smartphone dependency.

Complete the graphic organizer by categorizing the items as either problems or solutions. According to the readings, each problem has specific solutions.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slowly diminish use A • Make commitment not to use phone in certain situations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turn off alerts C • Use at inappropriate times | G • Constant availability |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No texting and driving B • Self-discipline | D • Anxiety if lost or unavailable | H • Make specific times smartphone-free |
| | E • Predictable time off | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuous checking |
| | F • Avoid using web browsers | I • Wean yourself away |

