

Smartphone Debate!

Big Question:

Should students be allowed to use smartphones in class?



THINK

💬 Use the hint words to help your ideas!

1. What are the possible benefits of using smartphones for learning?

Hint: research / communication / apps / quick answers / fun tools

→ One benefit is _____ because
_____.

3. What problems might come from using phones in class?

Hint: distraction / cheating / noise / less focus / social media

→ One problem is _____ because
_____.

4. How can teachers manage phone use in a smart way?

Hint: rules / time limits / special apps / teacher approval / lessons

→ Teachers can _____ to make sure
_____.

5. Would rules about phones be different in different subjects or ages?

Hint: older / younger / math / science / art / high school

→ I think rules might be different because _____.

6. How could smartphones make group projects easier?

Hint: share notes / messaging / photos / videos / quick answers

→ Smartphones could _____ because
_____.

7. What might teachers worry about with phones in class?

Hint: noise / cheating / lost focus / games / safety

→ Teachers might worry because _____.

8. What subjects might benefit the most from using phones?

Hint: science / language / art / history / technology

→ I think _____ would benefit because _____.

9. Could using phones improve communication with teachers?

Hint: messages / emails / reminders / feedback

→ Phones could help communication because _____.

10. How might using phones affect friendships in class?

Hint: texting / distractions / sharing / group work / isolation

→ Phones might affect friendships because _____.

11. What could happen if some students don't have smartphones?

Hint: fairness / sharing / feeling left out / borrowing

→ If some students don't have phones, _____.



Compare Both Sides

Fill in the table with pros and cons of using smartphones in class.

Using Smartphones	
Pros	Cons



Write a Short Paragraph

Use your answers to write 4–5 sentences.

Example:

Smartphones can help students learn by giving them quick answers and useful apps. But they can also be a distraction and make it harder to focus. Teachers need to set rules to make sure phones are used in a good way. Maybe older students could have more freedom, but younger ones should have stricter rules.



SPEAK & CREATE



Let's Talk with the Teacher!

Your teacher will ask you questions. Try to answer in full sentences!

- Should smartphones be allowed in all classes?
- What would be the best way to use phones for learning?
- Have you ever been distracted by a phone in class?
- Would you want to use your phone in class?
- How could you help other students use their phones responsibly?



Design a Classroom Phone Policy!

Create a poster that shows how students can use phones responsibly in class. Add:

- Clear rules
- Benefits of using phones for learning
- Warnings about distractions



Draw here!



Word Bank for “Smartphone Debate!”

Word	Meaning / Use	Example Sentence
distraction	something that takes attention away	Smartphones can be a big distraction in class.
communication	sharing information with others	Phones help with communication through messages and apps.
access	the ability to reach or use something	Phones give access to online research.
cheating	breaking rules by copying answers	Some teachers worry about cheating during tests.
focus	paying attention carefully	It’s harder to focus with too many notifications.
research	looking up information to learn something	Smartphones make research fast and easy.
responsibility	doing the right thing and being trusted	Using phones in class requires responsibility.
privacy	keeping information secret or personal	Teachers must think about student privacy with phones.
rules	guidelines or instructions	Schools should make clear rules for using phones.
technology	tools like phones, computers, and apps	Modern classrooms use technology in many ways.
beneficial	helpful or good	Phones can be beneficial for group projects.
restrict	to limit or control something	Some schools restrict phone use during lessons.
emergency	something serious that needs quick help	Phones are useful in emergencies.
addiction	unable to stop doing something	Some students get phone addiction.

Word	Meaning / Use	Example Sentence
screen time	the time spent looking at a screen	Too much screen time can be bad for health.
collaboration	working together with others	Phones help collaboration through messaging and sharing.
platform	a service or app that people use (e.g. YouTube)	Some platforms distract students with videos and games.
feedback	advice or comments on your work	Teachers can give quick feedback by phone.
responsible	acting in a way that is right and careful	Students should use phones responsibly in class.
balance	a good mix of things	We need a balance between technology and focus.