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ESL TEEN DEBATE CHALLENGE 1

FOR TEENAGERS

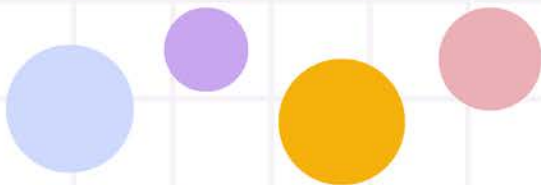




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Technology and Digital Life



TOPIC 1

SHOULD SMARTPHONES BE BANNED IN CLASSROOMS?



Vocabulary

- **ban** 금지하다

Some schools ban smartphones completely.

- **distraction** 주의 산만

Phones can be a big distraction during class.

- **social media** 소셜미디어

Many teens check social media during breaks.

- **dictionary** 사전

I use a digital dictionary on my phone.

- **take notes** 필기하다

I take notes using a note app on my phone.

- **learning app** 학습용 앱

There are many useful learning apps for students.

- **research** 조사하다

We used our phones to research science topics.

- **cheating** 부정행위

Teachers worry that phones can be used for cheating.

- **responsible use** 책임 있는 사용

Students need to learn responsible phone use.



dialogue

Jiwon: Our school is thinking about banning smartphones during class.

Minjae: Really? I use mine to check the dictionary and take notes!

Jiwon: I get that, but some students just play games or go on social media.

Minjae: True... phones can be useful, but also really distracting.

Jiwon: Maybe there should be rules, not a full ban.

Minjae: Yeah, like allowing them only for learning apps or research.





background

Smartphones are everywhere, and many students bring them to school. Some schools ban phones completely to avoid distractions and cheating. Others allow limited use for learning purposes like translation, research, or note taking. Supporters of phone use argue that digital tools help learning and reflect real life. Critics worry that students lose focus, get addicted, or become too dependent on their devices. Finding the right balance is a growing challenge in modern education.





comprehension questions

1. What is Jiwon's school planning to do with smartphones?
2. How does Minjae use his phone in class?
3. What kind of compromise do they discuss?

debate questions

1. Should smartphones be completely banned in classrooms?
Why or why not?
2. What are the pros and cons of using phones for schoolwork?
3. Can teachers control smartphone use without banning them?
4. Do smartphones help or hurt students' focus?
5. Should students be taught how to use phones responsibly in school?

