



★ ESL TEEN DEBATE CHALLENGE 2



FOR TEENAGERS

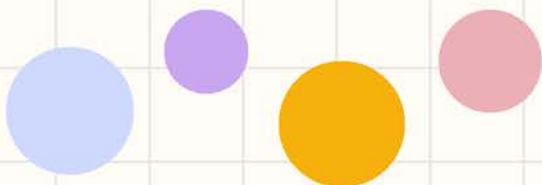
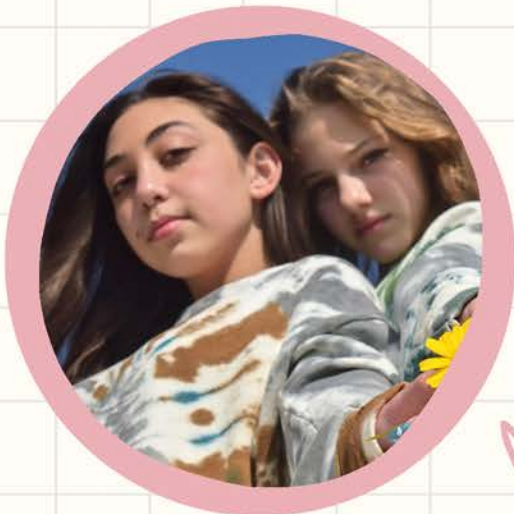


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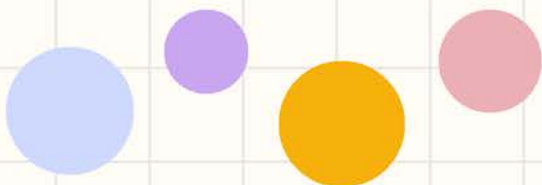
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DIGITAL LIFE & TECH TRENDS



TOPIC 1

SHOULD STUDENTS TAKE NOTES ON TABLETS INSTEAD OF PAPER?

VOCABULARY



- **take notes** 필기를 하다

I always take notes during science class.

- **organize** 정리하다, 구성하다

I use folders to organize my digital notes.

- **convenient** 편리한

Having all my books on one tablet is convenient.

- **voice note** 음성 메모

I recorded a voice note to remember the lecture.

- **distracting** 산만하게 하는, 집중을 방해하는

Social media can be very distracting.

- **downside** 단점

The downside of using a tablet is eye strain.

- **disciplined** 자기 통제가 있는

You need to be disciplined when using a tablet.

- **handwriting** 손글씨

Some people think handwriting helps memory.

- **retain information** 정보를 유지하다

I retain information better when I write it down.

- **multimedia** 멀티미디어

The app includes multimedia like images and audio.

★ DIALOGUE

Jisoo: I started taking notes on my tablet this semester. It's so convenient!

Minho: Really? I still use a notebook. I feel like I remember things better when I write by hand.

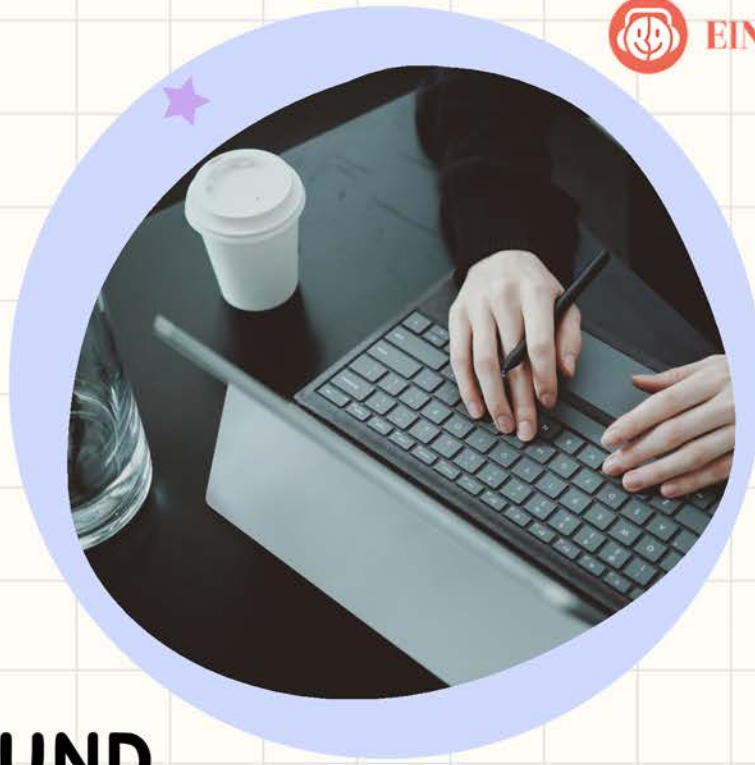
Jisoo: I get that. But on a tablet, I can organize, search, and even add images or voice notes.

Minho: True, but screens can be distracting. Sometimes I end up checking messages instead of focusing.

Jisoo: Yeah, that's a downside. I guess it depends on how disciplined you are.

Minho: Maybe schools should let students choose what works best for them.







★ BACKGROUND

Many students now use digital devices like tablets or laptops for notetaking. Digital notes can be easily edited, organized, and shared. Some apps also allow multimedia features, like voice recordings and images. However, research shows that writing by hand helps memory and understanding. Also, digital devices can be distracting, and using them too much may harm eyesight. The debate continues on whether schools should fully switch to digital notetaking or keep traditional handwriting as part of the learning process.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What is one benefit of taking notes on a tablet?
 2. Why do some people prefer handwriting over digital notetaking?
 3. What is one downside of using tablets in class?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Should schools encourage digital notetaking for all students? Why or why not?
2. Which method helps students learn more effectively—typing or handwriting?
3. Should students be allowed to choose their preferred notetaking method?
4. Do you think tablets can increase distractions in class? How?
5. In 10 years, do you think paper notebooks will still be used in schools? Why or why not?

