

1. Arguments for and against

- Mobile phones are distracting. **For**
- You can contact family and friends easily. **Against**
- You can't physically socialise with someone. **For**
- They are portable. **Against**
- They are addictive to use for gaming or texting. **For**

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- Scientists believe that mobile phones are not good for the brain. **For**
 - They are expensive. **For**
 - Mobile phones are good for an emergency. **Against**
 - You can put reminders/alarms on your phone. **Against**
 - Take photos on special occasions. **Against**
 - You can transfer pictures or information easily on the phone. **Against.**
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Sentence and Phrase Openers for Discussion Texts



Additional Openers

Opposing Openers



- also
- as well as this
- what is more
- it is also worth noting that
- likewise
- it is also important to consider that
- moreover
- additionally
- not to mention that
- in addition
- in fact
- in the same way
- plus

- On the other hand
- Contrary to this
- However
- Alternatively
- In contrast
- Yet
- Despite this
- In spite of this
- Nevertheless
- Even so
- Be that as it may
- On the contrary
- But
- Even though



2. Introduction



Discussion Text Openers



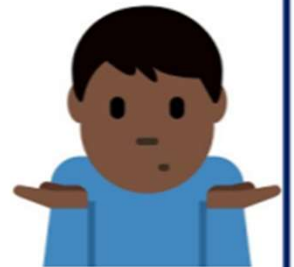
Opinions

- People are wondering
- Some people think
- Other people
- Researchers think
- In a survey
- Questionnaire results show
- Critics point out
- Many parents comment that
- Many academics enthusiastically



Generalisations

- Often
- Generally
- Most
- Sometimes
- Usually
- Normally
- At times
- ...can.../...might.../...could...
- Perhaps



What is your **opinion** about **children using phones**? In some people's **opinion**, **children** should be banned from **using phones**. Other people have a different **opinion** about **children using phones**. They believe **phones** are a helpful and useful tool for **children** to **use**. There are many reasons why people have different **opinions** about **children using phones**. In this discussion text, I will examine some of the different **opinions** toward **children using phones**.

3. Conclusion



Discussion Text Openers



Time Openers

- Initially
- Later people realised
- Soon it became clear
- After a while it was obvious
- For years
- Recently
- Hopefully now
- Looking to the future



Extra Openers

- In particular
- This is a chance for
- Most importantly
- If people are given the opportunity
- Not to mention
- There is no doubt that
-are a particular problem
- The main issue is



4. Final check

Word Bank

Word	Synonyms
phone	mobile, device, type of technology communication tool.
opinion	view, perspective, belief, attitude
children	young people, school pupils, kids
using	making use of, texting