



'Should mobile phones be banned' – a discussion text

Remember:

1. Keep it balanced – you are *not* trying to persuade.
2. Explain the points you are making.
3. Say what people think: 'Some people say...' or 'Others may argue...'

Introduction – what is the discussion about?

What is your opinion about children using phones? In some people's view, pupils should be banned from making use of this type of the technology. Others believe that these devices can be extremely beneficial.

What are your three points 'for'?

It is important to consider that mobile phones are distracting. *this could make it even harder for children to focus on learning.*

Additionally, *this type of technology is* mobile phones are addictive. *This might mean that young people spend less quality time talking to their families.*

It is also worth noting that they are expensive. *this money could be spent on more ~~attract~~ educational items such as books.*

What are your three points 'against'?

On the other hand, you can contact friends and family easily. *This is especially important during lockdown.*

Likewise, *these devices* phones are good for an emergency. *They will help in a situation where you need to contact someone urgently.*

what is more, school pupils can use their mobile phones to provide reminders. *this might actually help children to remember to* you can put reminders on your phone. *complete home learning*

How will you conclude this discussion? How could you summarise your points? What might you recommend?

For years people have discussed whether phones should be banned.

Recently this has become a very important issue - especially since lockdown has prevented families from seeing each other in person.

Hopefully this text has demonstrated that despite the many problems that phones may create, they should not be banned.