

TOPIC: “Should mobile phones be allowed in schools?”

Arguments IN FAVOUR of using mobile phones at school

1. **Educational tool**
Mobile phones can be used for research, educational apps and online dictionaries.
2. **Digital skills**
Students learn how to use technology responsibly, which is important for their future.
3. **Communication in emergencies**
Phones allow students to contact their families in case of an emergency.
4. **Motivation and engagement**
Technology can make classes more interesting and interactive.
5. **Organization**
Students can use their phones as planners, calendars or reminders.

Arguments AGAINST using mobile phones at school

1. **Distraction**
Phones can distract students and reduce their concentration in class.
2. **Cheating**
Mobile phones make it easier to cheat during exams or tests.
3. **Cyberbullying**
Phones can increase the risk of cyberbullying among students.
4. **Social problems**
Students may interact less face-to-face and become more isolated.

5. Inequality

Not all students have the same type of phone, which can create unfair situations.

Preparation

- You must **prepare arguments BOTH in favour of and against the topic.**
- Prepare **at least 3 arguments for each side.**
- You can write short notes, but **you are not allowed to read full texts** during the debate.
- Revise useful expressions (Robby's debate power point presentation)

Debate day

- On the day of the debate, the class will be **divided into two groups.**
- Each group will be **randomly assigned a role:**
 - **Group A:** In favour
 - **Group B:** Against
- You must **defend the role you are given**, not your own opinion.
- All students are expected to **participate actively** and speak at least once.

Assessment

You will be evaluated on:

- Fluency and pronunciation
- Vocabulary and grammar
- Quality of arguments
- Interaction and participation