

Name _____ **Pros and Cons**



Mobile Phones in Class

Should students be allowed to use their phones during school hours?

Cell phones are common in almost every student's backpack or pocket. Some people believe that phones can be useful learning tools in the classroom. For example, students could look up facts, practice math with apps, or use a dictionary on their phones. In emergencies, phones also allow students to quickly contact their families or get help.

Others believe that phones cause more problems than they solve. Students may be tempted to check social media, play games, or text during lessons. This can make it hard for them to pay attention and learn. Some teachers also worry that phones could be used to cheat during tests or assignments.

There are also arguments about how phones affect the classroom environment. Teachers say constant buzzing and notifications can interrupt the lesson and distract everyone. But some people argue that schools should prepare students for the real world, where technology is used every day. The big question is whether the benefits of phones in class are greater than the problems. What do you think?

Instructions - Read each statement below. First, decide if it is a **Pro** (a good reason for phones in class) or a **Con** (a problem with phones in class). Then, rate how much you agree or disagree with that statement on a scale of **1 to 5**.

1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Not Sure, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree

Statement	Pro or Con?	Rating (1-5)
Phones can help students find information quickly.		
Phones may distract students with games or social media.		
Phones allow students to contact their families in emergencies.		
Phones could be used to cheat on schoolwork or tests.		
Phones prepare students for future jobs that use technology.		
Phones cause noise and interruptions during lessons.		