

Topic 2 - Test 1

Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion on the following question:

Do we really need mobile phones or could we do without them?

According to a recent survey 90% of the teenagers over the age of fourteen have a mobile phone. What has made these devices so popular? Are they really indispensable or are they just a passing fashion?

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However, the majority of the population do not agree with the aforementioned skeptics. The proponents of mobile phones claim that this invention has revolutionised communication and we definitely cannot live without them any longer. These mobile apparatuses are multifunctional. They certainly act as phones but they are also calendars, photo archives, internet portals and navigation tools to name but a few.

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Opening §: Make a general statement(1) and then ask the specific question(2).

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Body §1: Arguments against mobile phones.

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Body §2: Arguments in favour of mobile phones.

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Body §3: Your opinion

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Closing §: Summarise what you've said

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