Should Mobile Phones Be Allowed in Class?

Seviye B1 · Konuşma · Okuma

Warm-up

- Where is your phone during lessons?
- Have you ever used a phone to learn something in class?

Reading

For: Supporters say phones can be useful learning tools. Students can look up words in a dictionary app, take photos of the board or join online quizzes. Phones also help parents contact their children in an emergency. “Banning phones does not teach students how to use them responsibly,” says one teacher.

Against: Critics say phones distract students. A single notification can break a student's concentration, and it may take several minutes to focus again. Phones can also lead to cyberbullying and cheating in exams. Some schools that have banned phones say students now talk to each other more during breaks.

A middle way? Some schools ask students to keep their phones in a box or a locker during lessons. Teachers can then allow phones only for specific activities.

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
distract	dikkatini dağıtmak	*The noise distracted me from my homework.*
concentration	konsantrasyon, odaklanma	*This game needs a lot of concentration.*
notification	bildirim	*I turned off my notifications.*
emergency	acil durum	*Call 112 in an emergency.*
responsibly	sorumlu bir şekilde	*Use the internet responsibly.*

cheat	kopya çekmek, hile yapmak	*He was caught cheating in the exam.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
should be + V3 (modal passive)	Phones should be allowed in class. / Phones shouldn't be allowed in exams.
Fikir bildirme	I think … / In my view, … / I'm against … because …
Katılma / katılmama	I agree with you. / I see what you mean, but …

Discussion

1. Should phones be allowed during breaks?
2. What rules about phones would be fair for students and teachers?
3. Are there any lessons where phones are really useful?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. Which is an argument FOR phones in class?

a) They distract students
b) Students can use them to look up words
c) They can lead to cheating
d) They can lead to cyberbullying

2. What is the “middle way” in the text?

a) Banning phones in all schools
b) Giving every student a new phone
c) Keeping phones in a box or locker during lessons
d) Allowing phones in exams

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

3. Phones should not _____ (allow) during exams.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

4. According to the text, one notification can break a student's concentration. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

5. Match the phrases with their functions.

1. In my view, … ( )
2. I see what you mean, but … ( )
3. I agree with you. ( )
4. For example, … ( )

a) giving an opinion
b) disagreeing politely
c) agreeing
d) giving an example

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

6. Write a paragraph (50–70 words): Should mobile phones be allowed in class? Give two reasons.

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> Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

7. Mini-debate: Give your opinion in one minute and answer one argument from the other side.