

Debate Dialogue

Below are statements that could be made during a debate about mobile technology. In each statement, one word is missing. First, fill in the missing words (some letters are provided). Then, match each statement in the “For” column with its counterargument (that is, an argument that could be made against that statement) in the “Against” column.

In this debate, the position is: **Mobile technology is more helpful than harmful.** Statements in the “For” column could be made by people who agree; statements in the “Against” column could be made by people who disagree and believe that mobile technology is more harmful than helpful.

| For (Mobile technology is helpful.) | Against (Mobile technology is harmful.) |
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| 1. Mobile devices help people get i _ f _ _ m _ t _ _ n quickly. | A. Using mobile devices while driving increases the risk of car a _ c _ d _ _ _ s . |
| 2. Mobile devices have made it easy to c _ _ t _ _ t friends and family. | B. People who use mobile devices a lot spend less time i n _ _ _ a _ t _ _ g with family and friends face-to-face. |
| 3. Drivers can access maps and driving d _ r _ _ t _ _ _ s instantly on mobile devices. | C. The lack of human interaction in daily activities has been harmful to creating a sense of c _ _ m _ n _ _ y . |
| 4. Apps make daily activities like paying bills and ordering food more c _ _ v _ n _ _ t . | D. Mobile devices distract young people in conversations at home, and that frustrates many p _ r _ n _ s . |
| 5. Mobile technology has increased our interactions with people from c _ u _ t _ _ _ s around the world. | E. Mobile devices have caused some people to become i _ p _ t _ _ _ t and demand information immediately. |
| 6. Teachers can use mobile devices in class to make learning more i _ _ _ r _ s t _ _ g and fun for students. | F. Constant access to audiences in various countries can lead to misunderstandings that might d _ v _ d _ n us from other people. |
| 7. Mobile technology can increase time spent learning outside the c _ _ s _ r _ _ m . | G. Students are often d _ s _ r _ c t _ d by mobile devices at school. |

Matching

In each blank, write the letter of the statement in the “Against” column that is the best counterargument to the statement in the “For” column.

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____

Answers to *THE LIGHTER SIDE*

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- 1. E (instant access to information)
- 2. B (interacting through devices instead of face-to-face)
- 3. A (benefit and risk for drivers)
- 4. C (convenience but without human interaction)
- 5. F (fast flow of information across countries and cultures)
- 6. G (benefit and downside of devices in the classroom)
- 7. D (devices outside the classroom and at home)

Matching

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| 1. information | For |
| 2. contact | |
| 3. directions | |
| 4. convenient | |
| 5. countries | |
| 6. interesting | |
| 7. classroom | |
| A. accidents | Against |
| B. interacting | |
| C. community | |
| D. parents | |
| E. impatient | |
| F. divide | |
| G. distracted | |