

## **1. Are cellphones necessary in teenagers' lives?**

In today's modern society, many feel as if having a cellphone is a necessity. Everywhere you go, there is constant texting and talking on cellphones. Recent studies have shown that the largest group of cellphone users is teenagers. Teenagers in the past have done just as well without cellphones, so why do teenagers now-a-days require cellphones? Cellphones are not necessary in teenagers' lives because they are distractions, cost up to a fortune, and can be misused in several ways.

Cellphones are becoming more and more developed, with far more abilities and applications than before. Cellphones can now be used for texting, talking, going on Facebook, taking pictures/videos, playing games, going on the Internet, and millions more. Cellphones are becoming an alternative for computers. Teens are beginning to have cellphones on hand all the time. The average teen uses his/her cellphone for approximately eight hours on a day-to-day basis. With cellphones being used so much, when do teens have time to focus on schoolwork and their families? Cellphones play a major role as distractions in the typical lives of several teens.

With the increasing number of applications and uses of cellphones, the cost of using them and maintaining them is increasing. The average bill of one cellphone comes up to at least \$95 a month. Each application used has a cost. If a cellphone costs approximately \$95 a month to maintain, it would total up to more than \$1000 a year. Imagine how many uses one thousand dollars could pay for. The money spent on cellphones could be used towards a teenager's

education or another worthy cause. Why spend so much money on cellphones when you could just use your home phone? Cellphones are a waste of money.

The most immense disadvantage of cellphones is that they can be misused fairly easily. Cellphones are easy to store in your pocket and are convenient to use on the go. This is why many teenagers use cellphones to cheat on their tests, cyberbully other teenagers, etc. Teenagers with cellphones know exactly how to function each and every aspect of their phones, from where to store cheat notes, to how to text others without their numbers being shown. Cellphones enable teenagers to get away with such unethical acts. Cellphones are dangerous threats to teenagers if they are used with wrong intentions.

Cellphones have many benefits and advantages indeed, but their disadvantages outweigh their good purposes. Teenagers are beginning to live their lives around this latest technology trend, but little do they know that cellphones are leading them to unsatisfying lives. Cellphones are not a necessity to teenagers because they only play as distractions in their lives, enable them to be unethical citizens, and empty their wallets or the wallets of their parents. Cellphones are the newest technology gadgets leading teenagers to a downfallen life.

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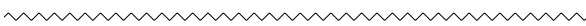
Cell phones are necessary in a teenager's life because they can contact parents easily in case of emergencies and a simple way of talking to close friends and family.

Firstly, contacting our parents is

a benefit because then you won't have to use a friend's phone or a pay phone because you will have your own and even if your parents are looking for you they call you or text message.

Another reason why it's necessary in a teenager's life is because if it's an emergency you have a phone to call help and then you would not wait. If you get in an accident you can call the police and they will come find you or you can give it to someone to call for help because it has all the important numbers that you need.

Lastly, having a cell phone is a simple way of contacting friends and family. It's another way of doing your homework on the cell phone without anyone picking up the house phone, which is a distraction to you.



### **3. Are cellphones necessary in teenagers' lives?**

Yes cell phones are necessary in teenagers' lives. They are necessary because there are many advantages to having a cell phone. Without cellphones, teenagers wouldn't be able to communicate easy with their family, peers and in emergency situations.

Cell phones are necessary in teenagers' lives because it is an easy way of contacting your family. If you have to stay at school longer for a specific reason or your family is looking for you and you are out. Cellphones make it easy to communicate. Without cellphones your family would be worried sick, they wouldn't know exactly where you are, and how much longer you would be. With cellphones, they could contact

you right away, without having to worry about anything.

Cellphones are also necessary for teenagers to contact each other. That is necessary because it is important to talk with your peers, and find out if you have any homework.

It is also important to contact your peers because, it is good to go out and get fresh air and exercise instead of staying home and playing video games and going on the computer. Cellphones make it easier to contact one another, to make plans.

Another reason why cellphones are necessary in teenagers' lives is for emergency reason. If you are alone and walking somewhere, and suddenly have been attacked or have an allergic reaction or have fallen down and broken something, it would be life threatening, not having a cell phone. If you don't have a cellphone you couldn't call for help, and could be at risk.

So that is why it is essential for teenagers' to have cellphones, because without them, it could be very difficult to enjoy life and it could even be a short life, if something bad happens and you don't have a phone.

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