

No Phone Classrooms

These days, many students spend too much time on their phones. One reason for this is that apps and games distract them while studying. Now, in Alberta, Canada, all schools have banned phones in classrooms. Students leave their phones outside class each day, and by doing so they can focus on their studies.

You should begin with this sentence: **One day, Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka were having dinner with their children.**



- 1 According to the passage, how can students focus on their studies?
- 2 Now, please look at the picture and describe the situation. You have 20 seconds to prepare. Your story should begin with the sentence on the card. [20 seconds] Please begin.

Now, Mr. / Ms. _____, please turn the card over and put it down.

- 3 Do you think schools should have longer holidays? Yes. → Why? No. → Why not?
- 4 In the US, it is common for students to use calculators in class. Do you think using calculators is a good idea? Yes. → Why? No. → Why not?

Example Answers:

1. By leaving their phones outside class each day.
2. One day, Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka were having dinner with their children. Mrs. Tanaka said, "You are always looking at your phones!" The next day, Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka were driving in their car. Mrs. Tanaka said she wanted to get out of the city. That weekend, the family was climbing a mountain. Mrs. Tanaka was happy because she could spend time with her children without phones.
3. Yes. Longer holidays give students time to rest and spend time with family. Students can also try new hobbies and activities outside of school.
4. Yes. Calculators help students check their answers are correct. Also, they are faster for difficult problems.