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Mobile phones in class lower test scores

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THE READING

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There is bad news for students who use mobile phones in class. New research says students do not learn very well when they text and use social media in class. Researchers looked at 145 American university students in the classroom. Some of the students used their mobile phones in class; others switched off their phones. The students who turned off their phones in class got higher scores on tests they took at the end of the class.

A big challenge for teachers is to keep students working. Many students want to be online and check messages, even when they have classwork. Researchers said students are physically present in class, but mentally absent because they are using their mobiles. Teachers are fighting a "losing battle" because students are more interested in social media. Other research found that test scores went up by 6% after mobile phones were banned in class.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. bad | a. their mobile phones |
| 2. students do not learn | b. news |
| 3. social | c. very well |
| 4. 145 American university | d. off their phones |
| 5. students used | e. of the class |
| 6. turned | f. students |
| 7. higher scores | g. media |
| 8. at the end | h. on tests |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A big challenge | a. in class |
| 2. be online and | b. banned in class |
| 3. even when they have | c. battle |
| 4. physically present | d. for teachers |
| 5. mentally absent because they are | e. check messages |
| 6. fighting a losing | f. up by 6% |
| 7. test scores went | g. using their mobiles |
| 8. mobile phones were | h. classwork |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____ students who use mobile phones in class. New research says students (2) _____ very well when they (3) _____ social media in class. Researchers (4) _____ American university students in the classroom. Some of the students used their mobile phones in class; (5) _____ their phones. The students who turned off their phones in class got higher scores on tests they took (6) _____ the class.

A (7) _____ teachers is to keep students working. Many students want to be (8) _____ messages, (9) _____ have classwork. Researchers said students are (10) _____ in class, but mentally absent because they are using their mobiles. Teachers are fighting (11) _____ because students are more interested in social media. Other research found that test scores (12) _____ after mobile phones were banned in class.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
