

Smartphones

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Smartphones**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

Warm-up: What is the brand of the smartphone you use?

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
call	to speak to someone on the phone	<i>I call my friend every evening.</i>
text	to send a short written message on a phone	<i>She texts her sister after school.</i>
app	a software program you can use on a smartphone	<i>I download a new game app yesterday.</i>
battery	the part of a phone that stores electricity	<i>My phone battery dies quickly.</i>
screen	the display part of a smartphone	<i>The screen is bright and easy to read.</i>
camera	the device on a phone that takes photos	<i>The camera takes clear pictures.</i>
notification	a message that appears on the phone to tell you something	<i>I get many notifications each day.</i>
download	to transfer data from the internet to your phone	<i>I download music to listen offline.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 What kind of smartphone do you have?
- 2 How many hours a day do you use your smartphone?
- 3 What is your favorite app and why?
- 4 Do you prefer texting or calling? Explain.
- 5 When did you get your first smartphone?
- 6 How does your smartphone help you with school work?
- 7 Do you think smartphones are useful for staying in touch with family?
- 8 What are some problems people have because they use smartphones too much?
- 9 How would life be different if smartphones did not exist?
- 10 Do you think future smartphones will change the way we live? How?

3 · Extension

Try this: Role-play: One student is a store clerk and the other is a customer who wants to buy a new smartphone. The customer asks about battery life, camera quality, and price, and the clerk gives advice.