

Lead in - What is it?

In Greece in 1992 only one person in 537 used one.

In Greece in 2009, four people out of every five used one.

Stats. from - <http://www.nationmaster.com>

Precautionary principle

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precautionary_principle

Warm up activities

Ask the class how many words they know connected to phones and making calls.

Take out your mobile. Elicit the verbs use mime.

Mobile phone quiz

How much do you know about mobile phones? Try the quiz and find out.

<http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/language-assistant/essential-uk/mobile-phones>

Brief discussion - Do you think mobile phones were a good invention? Are there any places where you think mobiles should be banned?

Texting activity

Complete the table of text language. Add more with the help of your classM8s and T!

Textism	Word	Textism	Word
Bro	Homework	Gf	Text me a reply
Plz	Working	L8r	Telephone
Goin	kisses	Skool	Another
Hav		Gonna	

For more abbreviations see...

http://www.webopedia.com/quick_ref/textmessageabbreviations.asp

For research on the link between textism and literacy, see

<http://www.coventry.ac.uk/staffnet/current-e-dition/a/8913>

Emoticons / smiley's

A textual expression representing the face of a writer's mood or facial expression"

More about emoticons <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emoticon>

Text haiku

What is Haiku? - <http://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-haiku.htm>)

What is there to learn

When you're always the teacher

Never the student?

Cell phone photography activities

- Getting to know you
- Whiteboard/Blackboard Archive
- Handheld Scanner
- Learn Student's Names and Faces
- Instant Blogging
- Security

- Memories
- Scavenger hunt
 - A day in the life of ...
 - My family
 - My holidays
 - My weekend
- People working
- Mistakes in English
- Funny signs I've seen

Miscellaneous applications

- Calculators
- Dictionaries
- Calendars
- Homework reminders
- Access the internet (FlickrR <http://www.flickr.com/>)
- Video (a.k.a. cell flix) Check out the 'Cell Flix Festival'

Other activities connected with a cell phone

- A phone in.
- Make an emergency phone call.
- Design the next generation mobile phone.
- Text novels - <http://www.textnovel.com/>
- Discussion – Uses for old phones? Check out www.Envirofone.com
- Making Pop corn - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1rRvExSuCc>

School rules concerning mobile phones - example

The school allows students to bring mobile phones to school for the sole purpose of facilitating communication with their parents. Students may bring mobile phones to school subject to the following regulations:-

- All mobile phones must be in silent mode or switched off when students are in school.
- Within the school premises, mobile phones may only be used in the canteen, during recess, lunch and after curriculum time.
- Mobile phones may not be used in any other part of the school.
- Mobile phones must only be used for communication purposes.
- Students are not allowed to take out their mobile phones except in the canteen.
- Students must take full responsibility for the safety of their mobile phones.
- The school will not be held responsible for the loss of mobile phones.
- Use of mobile phones outside of curriculum time must not disrupt any programme or activity being conducted.
- Being found to be in possession of mobile phones during tests and exams will be treated as an attempt to cheat.
- Students found breaking these rules will have their mobile phones confiscated.

Adapted from <http://coe.xinminss.moe.edu.sg/xinminss/>

Want to know more? Some sites worth checking out

Learn more about cell phones - <http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/cell-phone-quiz.htm>

Great personality quiz - <http://www.mobiledia.com/guides/quiz/>

A page dedicated to M learning – <http://www.m-learning.org/knowledge-centre/whatismlearning>

Worth watching:

<http://www.apple.com/education/mobile-learning/>

<http://www.topbits.com/web-tools.html>

<http://thinkingmachine.pbworks.com/Think-Mobile-Phones-for-Learning>