

Tapescript Part 1 (9EL2)

Narrator

The Principal has organised an information session for Teens and Technology Week. Your teacher has asked you to attend and get information for a student newsletter article on how the issue has affected students at school.

Read the pamphlet and listen to the information session. Answer the questions in Part A and Part B. You now have 2 minutes to answer the questions in Part A and read the questions in Part B.

Listen to the information session. It will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time. You now have 30 seconds to read the questions. (*music 30 secs.*)

The listening will begin now.

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The Teens and Technology Information Session

**The Principal –
Mrs. Wong**

Good morning, everyone. Today we're going to be looking into a hot topic – Teens and Technology.

Here at school we have to deal with this issue on a daily basis. It's not just about using mobile phones and playing online games. It's also about how to avoid falling victim to scams. Then there are the injuries that can result from the overuse of technology.

Our first speaker is Peter Lee, Head Prefect. Welcome, Peter!

**Peter – Head
Prefect**

Thank you, Principal Wong. Good morning, everyone! This morning I'm focusing on teens and social media. We have some interesting statistics from last month's Teens and Technology survey of students.

Did you know that almost all students in this school aged 12 to 18 go online? Of the 1000 students in this school, nearly 70% of them go online every day. Another 35% of them use their phones to go online. Check out the survey results in the pamphlet.

**The Principal –
Mrs. Wong
Peter – Head
Prefect**

Yes, the pamphlet will be sent to parents and students today.

I hope everyone reads it! What do students do online? Some visit their social networking pages and check out what friends have posted. Some play games online and these games are time-consuming and a distraction.

We aren't allowed to use our phones during the school day. We have to hand them in when we enter the front gate and collect them at the end of the day. Less than half of the students hand in their phones. An increasing number of students have been caught using their phones in class and this has become a

serious issue.

The Principal – Mrs. Wong Smartphone use and online gaming are problems some of our students have to deal with.

Peter, what do our students do online when they're using social networking sites?

Peter – Head Prefect Nearly 90% of our students comment on what friends have put on their walls. The same number also comment on friends' pictures. Close to 70% of students send private messages and more than half send text messages or group messages. Students just can't stop using technology.

The Principal – Mrs. Wong Thanks, Peter. These survey results show just how serious the addiction to technology is!

Next up is Mr. Lau, Head of the Discipline Team.

Mr. Lau – Head of Discipline Thank you, Mrs. Wong. Good morning. We've been losing the mobile phone battle at school. Why? Not everyone is turning in their phones as required and smartphones are being used in class.

The results of the Teens and Technology survey helped us to understand what students are doing with their phones. It also helped us to decide how to deal with this issue.

The Principal – Mrs. Wong So what's going to happen, Mr. Lau?

Mr. Lau – Head of Discipline In a trial starting next week, students can keep their phones. A messaging and chat room feature that can only be accessed at school during school hours has been set up. This will enable teachers and students to keep in touch. Teachers will send out homework texts to students.

This system will be used instead of the loudspeakers. To avoid everyone's phones making strange sounds when they get messages, group messages will be silent. They'll also be posted on the screens in classrooms for those who don't have their phones.

The Principal – Mrs. Wong Hopefully this month-long trial will result in a decrease in phone use! What else will be happening, Mr. Lau?

Mr. Lau – Head of Discipline Wi-Fi areas have been set up around the school so that students can go online at recess and at lunchtime. We hope this access time will mean a huge reduction in smartphone use in the classroom during lessons.

A signal blocker that would block all signals to smartphones in the school has also been considered. This would affect the running of the school so it has been put aside for the moment. If the situation doesn't improve, this may be the next serious step!

The Principal – Mrs. Wong Thanks, Mr. Lau. Yes, we may have to consider more severe steps but we'll see how successful our new programme is first though. Now let's hear about

the medical issues.....] (*fade out*)

Narrator Now listen to the information session again. {*Repeat []*}

Narrator You have 30 seconds to check your answers. (*music 30 secs.*)

This is the end of Part 1.