**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Hooked on Your Phone**

**Voor de docent**

De leeftijd waarop kinderen hun eerste mobiel krijgen, is in de afgelopen jaren steeds verder gedaald. Wat zijn de voors en tegens?

**ERK-niveau – Lezen A2**

Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan korte, beschrijvende teksten over vertrouwde onderwerpen begrijpen. (LEA2-3c)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**ERK-niveau – Schrijven A2**

Verslagen en essays: Kan schriftelijk indrukken en meningen geven over onderwerpen binnen de eigen persoonlijke interessesfeer (bijvoorbeeld levensstijl en cultuur, verhalen), gebruikmakend van elementaire alledaagse woorden en uitdrukkingen.

*At what age should children be allowed to have a smartphone?*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

**a** Name 7 or more words related to phones and communication.

**Hooked on Your Phone**

Do you have a smartphone? And are you on your socials a lot? Many teenagers cannot stop using their phones. The World Health Organisation recently published a report about this.

Read [about smartphones, using socials, age, and more](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/cn035rz6dw6o).

Assignment 2

Find the words in the text.

Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. smartphone | *a.* a school for children between 5 and 11 years old |
| 2. primary school | *b.* a written description of a situation |
| 3. parents | *c.* being mean, unkind or aggressive to other kids |
| 4. bullying | *d.* from not long ago, quite new |
| 5. recent | *e.* full of problems |
| 6. report | *f.* a mobile phone that can connect to the internet |
| 7. problematic | *g.* normal and smart, good for you |
| 8. amongst teenagers | *h.* relationships you have with other people, like with your friends |
| 9. lying | *i.* saying things that are not true |
| 10. to struggle | *j.* the people who are a father or mother |
| 11. social connections | *k.* to try very hard and find really difficult |
| 12. healthy | *l.* within the group of people between 13 and 19 years old |

Assignment 3

a What does the text say: At what age should children be allowed to have a smartphone?

1 At 9 years old.

2 At 14 years old.

3 At no specific age.

4 As soon as they can walk.

b Parents in Hertfordshire want to give their children smartphones when they are 14 or older. Not younger. Why?   
Choose all correct answers.

1 To protect them when they have to walk to school on their own.

2 To protect them from online bullying.

3 To make sure that they do not spend too much time on social media.

4 To have time to save money for buying a smartphone.

c What does the report by the World Health Organisation say about teenagers and smartphones?  
Choose all correct answers.

1 It would be a good idea if teenagers had lessons on how to use socials in a healthy way.

2 Most kids who use social media are very young.

3 Social media is problematic for all teenagers.

4 Some teens are lying about how much time they use social media.

5 Teens sometimes said that they find it difficult to stop being on socials.

Assignment 4 – Extra Writing Assignment

a What do you think about smartphones?  
Write your comment (~50-80 words)