

Many children these days have their own mobile phones. What are advantages and disadvantages? Give your own opinion.

In this day and age, mobile phones have become a dispensable part of our lives. Yet, people are having a hard time reaching a consensus as to whether cellphones are detrimental for their charges or not. While there are many compelling reasons to the contrary, I would argue that if using cellphones monitored precisely, they would provide substantial benefits for children.

On the one hand, the merits of cell phones for children are manifold. Firstly, mobile phones provide parents with an unlimited access to their offspring. This can serve as a blessing for families since they can be aware of the geographical location of their children while they are outside of home. Secondly, having a cell phone, children will be able to contact instant emergency numbers such as those of police or ambulance in cases of emergencies. Finally, there are numerous invaluable sources online such as encyclopedias or other informative websites which could further children's education, thereby broadening their horizons.

On the other hand, apart from the aforementioned merits, mobile phones can adversely affect children on several grounds. To start with, there are lots of unreliable sources online governed by cyber frauds or criminals which are designed to target children. Since these young adults are not mature enough to draw a distinction between wrong and right, they can easily be led astray, hence the importance of parental supervision. In addition, there are many online application and games which are highly addictive. Spending time surfing on the Internet and playing games, children would not engage in physical activities, thereby endangering their physical health. Moreover, those children who spend too much time online will be deprived of reading books or playing mind development games such as puzzles which can hone their talents and improve their intellectual abilities. I do believe that in order to lessen the adverse effects of using cell phones parents can set time limits and block certain websites.

In conclusion, if parents kept their charges under surveillance whilst they are online, the merits of mobile phones would far outweigh their demerits.