

# Text Messaging is Better Than Talking!

Everyone tends to think that text messaging is better than talking. Some reasons for this opinion is because it is cheaper and much faster to use, it has less radiation exposure compared to talking on the phone, it allows people with hearing disabilities to communicate, and it is also very convenient.

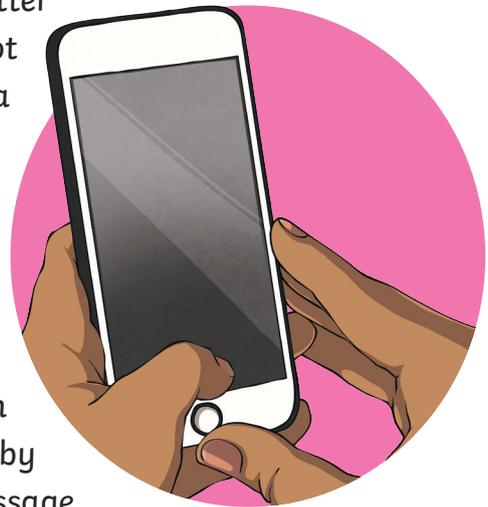
Firstly, it is easy to see that text messaging is better than talking on a mobile phone because it is a lot cheaper. Depending on the mobile plan you are on, a text message can cost as little as 25 cents to send. Some phone plan options even offer unlimited texts! This means that you can send an infinite number of texts included as part of your phone plan.

Another reason why texting is better than talking is that it is more convenient in terms of time. When you send a text message, it is directly received by the recipient in seconds. Also, you can send a message to more than one person at a time. This proves to be very convenient as you don't have to personally call the people you want to speak to individually if you want to tell them the same news or information. Due to these reasons, it is evident that texting is more convenient than talking on the phone.

In addition, it is obvious to see that text messaging doesn't cause much radiation exposure. Talking on the phone causes the radioactive waves to be extremely close to the brain. Holding your phone close to your head can lead to headaches. It is clear that a safer alternative would be to text, as there are fewer health risks and issues associated with this.

Furthermore, I firmly believe that text messaging allows for all people to be able to make contact with each other. It is a form of communication that is heavily relied upon for those people with hearing difficulties. By being able to text, they can send and receive messages like any other person. Talking on the phone can often cause frustration and issues of miscommunication. Therefore, it is clear that text messaging far outweighs the benefits of talking on the phone.

In conclusion, text messaging far outweighs talking on the phone because it is cheaper and quicker to use, time convenient, and it significantly reduces radiation exposure. It can also help people with disabilities to communicate with others.



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## Questions

1. What is the topic of this text?
2. Is the author for or against this topic? How do you know?
3. What reasons does the author give to support their opinion?
4. Who could the author be writing this text to?
5. What emotive words or phrases does the author use to persuade the reader?
6. What connectives (words or phrases) has the author used to sequence the text?
7. List two reasons that support the author's second argument that texting is better than talking because it is more convenient in terms of time.
8. Do you think text messaging is better than talking? Why or why not?

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## Answers

**1. What is the topic of this text?**

The topic of this text is 'Text Messaging Is Better Than Talking'.

**2. Is the author for or against this topic? How do you know?**

The author is for this topic. Answers will vary.

**3. What reasons does the author give to support their opinion?**

- A lot cheaper
- Faster and more convenient in terms of time
- Less radiation exposure compared to talking on the phone
- Allows people with hearing disabilities to communicate

**4. Who could the author be writing this text to?**

Answers will vary, but may include:

- To parents convincing them they should text message instead of calling
- To grandparents to convince them text messaging is safer than talking on the phone

**5. What emotive words or phrases does the author use to persuade the reader?**

- Everyone tends to think... (Paragraph 1)
- ...cheaper... (Paragraph 1)
- ...infinite texts! (Paragraph 2)
- ...very convenient... (Paragraph 3)
- ...it is obvious... (Paragraph 3)
- ...extremely... (Paragraph 4)
- ...and in worse cases... (Paragraph 4)
- It is safe to say... (Paragraph 4)
- ... I strongly believe... (Paragraph 5)
- ... it is true that ... (Paragraph 6)

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6. **What connectives (words or phrases) has the author used to sequence the text?**

- Firstly...
- Another reason...
- Also...
- Due to these reasons...
- In addition...
- Furthermore...
- Therefore...
- In conclusion...

7. **List two reasons that support the author's second argument that texting is better than talking because it is more convenient in terms of time.**

- The text message is directly received by the recipient in seconds.
- You can send a message to more than one person at a time.

8. **Do you think text messaging is better than talking? Why or why not?**

Answers will vary.