ESU SKILLS GUIDE



WAYS TO RESPOND TO REASONS WITH WHICH YOU DISAGREE #esufestivalofspeaking

Show that there is not good evidence:

There is not good evidence We disagree because there is no evidence that using

a mobile phone is dangerous

The evidence is not reliable We disagree because one person's story does not

prove phones are dangerous

There is other evidence We disagree because some studies actually show

phones make people safer

Show that the reason is not a good one:

Your reason is not important Phones do sometimes annoy people, but that is not

important enough to ban them

The reason is not relevant Phones do sometimes have cameras, but that is not

relevant to banning them

The reason is not logical It is unfair some people can't buy phones, but that's

not a logical reason to ban them

Show that there are other issues to consider:

There is another solution Instead of banning phones, an alternative would be

to turn them off during lessons

The problem is unavoidable If you ban phones, people will just spend money on

other electronic gadgets

This is unfair or immoral People should be free to purchase phones if they

want to, even if they are dangerous

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