

Thesis statement: All phones should not be allowed in university classrooms.

PRO	CON
1. Not having a phone in class allows students to focus on the lecture. If they check messages in class, they will be late.	1. Not having a phone in class allows students to be distracted and not keep up of notes.
2. Not having a phone in class helps the teacher and students to be more engaged.	2. Having a phone in class allows students to be more engaged and participate in the classroom.
3. Students should not use phones to cheat in class.	3. Not having a phone in class allows students to be more engaged and participate in the classroom.

Activity Brainstorming Supporting Ideas

Read the thesis statements and complete the Pro & Con T-charts. Write three ideas to support each statement. Then write three ideas against each statement. Finally, choose an original topic and write a thesis statement of your own. Then fill in the pros and cons for your new topic.

1. *Thesis statement: Adults should be required to pass a test before they can become parents.*

PRO	CON
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

2. *Thesis statement: The drinking age in Japan should be lowered to 18 years old.*

PRO	CON
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

3. *ORIGINAL Thesis statement:* _____

PRO	CON
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.