

e-Tips for Families

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TURN YOUR TEEN'S SMART PHONE INTO A LEARNING AID



Today, nearly 75 percent of teens have access to smart phones. They use them to send text messages to friends. They play games. Sometimes, they even use them to call people!

There are many free apps that can turn your teen's smart phone into a learning aid. Your teen can use his cell phone to:

Prepare for college testing. There are many free apps that help teens master the challenging vocabulary for college tests. Downloading one of these apps will allow your teen to study new words on the go.

Study a foreign language. Many free apps will help students in their foreign language course. Some apps focus on vocabulary. Others will help students learn those challenging verb tenses. Your teen should ask his teacher to recommend the best one for the language he is learning.

Replace a graphing calculator. In upper-level math classes, students often use these calculators to solve problems. There are free apps that will also do the job. Now he will be able to solve equations on his cell phone.

Read Shakespeare. Instead of lugging around the huge volume of Shakespeare's works, your teen can download whatever he's studying to his smart phone. Look for an app that includes a glossary.

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