

Should a child choose their bedtime?

In this text, I will discuss whether a child should choose their bedtime. This is a personal issue for many people so here are the main arguments for and against my question.

To begin with, many people believe that children should choose their bedtime as it will give them a responsibility of doing what they would like. If you allow your children to choose when they go to bed, it will show them that they can be independent and do more by themselves. It still depends when your children go to sleep (or bed) as it may affect their mental health and physical outdoor activities they compete in.

On the other hand, many people believe that children should have a set bedtime every night; having a consistent sleep schedule for children of any age promotes: physical, cognitive and emotional well-being of children. Many people believe, coffee, tea, soda, chocolate drinks, treats or energy drinks should be off-limits from late afternoon until bedtime. Also, giving children limited screen time can also help with getting them to sleep.

Although children are sometimes independent, they sometimes decide to stay up all night because they think it is adult-like. This might be acceptable for some parents. When your children go to bed when they want, it is because it is now their decision. Some people think that it is not good to start letting your child be 'grown up' at such a young age. Your toddler will need to get to bed earlier than your older children because they need more time to sleep to develop their brain.

Although there are strong arguments on both sides of the debate, I have come to the conclusion that all children should choose their bedtime and go to bed when they are tired.

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SHOULD FIREARMS BE SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES?

INTRODUCTION

In this text I am going to be considering whether or not firearms should be sold in the US. In this discussion, we will look at both sides of this debate to help you understand the pros and cons for allowing firearms to be sold. I wonder what you think?

PROS

To begin with, firearms are used by many Americans (393 million or 46% of the total population.) Purchasing these firearms have a massive impact on how you intend to use them. They can be used for hunting animals which can provide meat for the citizens in the US. There are even people and predators that can harm or kill using a firearm can help you to evade those problems. Having a firearm can make you feel more cautious and aware of what's around you. You can even save and help people that are in danger that really need to be saved. Additionally, there are even some sports that involve firearms particularly Olympic sports. Americans can train and work hard to hopefully achieve a gold medal. Finally, firearms can even be a source of income to some people in the US. This keeps them in a good position in life because without firearms they cannot live.

CONS

On the other hand, allowing and tolerating firearms is a huge downside to the country because of how many deaths and school shootings. Statistics say that between 2009 and 2016, 288 school shootings has happened. Limiting access to firearms can reduce fatalities and minimize crime rates. There are many serial killers about that murder innocent civilians managing firearms. You also have to consider on how many: Suicides, homicides, accidents, intimidation and assaults that has occurred in the US.

PROS AND CONS

Despite the fact firearms are legal in the US, people can use them illegally by murdering or harming victims, due to an economic downfall of the United States. However, citizens can use them for self-defence and help others that are in danger; this is very useful if someone is in that situation.

CONCLUSION

I have come to the conclusion that both sides of this important text have very valid points. However, in my personal opinion, I am certain that firearms should not be tolerated because of how many crimes and deaths which disturb and deter the public. Some people may even be afraid to enter American soil because of this. This is what I feel and anticipate about this very interesting topic.

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Should illegal immigrants be allowed in the UK?

Immigrants, illegal immigrants, people have double sided opinions about them. In this text I am going to talk about should illegal immigrants be allowed in the UK? There will be for and against about this topic.so let's get right into it

Many people believe that illegal immigrants should be allowed in the country as they could be fleeing from a war-torn area and there could be children on the boats. Some say they could help in the NHS because they could have medical skills we don't have. Also, some that do want illegal immigrants might be upset as they could be arrested and sent back to their country.

On the other side of things people believe that they should not be let into the country. Some say they might take peoples jobs and homes, some also say there is not enough room in this country. Some people believe we don't want different cultures in the UK as it could change the main religion Christianity. Citizens could believe that the government doesn't help stop them coming into the country some also don't like how much money the government is spending on them which is £9.3 Billion pounds.

However, some do say they take peoples jobs but they could help and even save lives or be teachers using education skills we might not have in this country and even share their knowledge about the country that they are from.

There are strong arguments on both sides of the debate although if I were prime minister I would not let them in the UK. Because they could take British people's homes and Jobs and even cause trouble.

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SHOULD CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD HAVE A SMARTPHONE?

Nowadays, smartphones are a common part of our lives. Some children use them to play games, talk to friends and watch videos, but should all children under 18 years old have a smartphone? In today's discussion, we will be looking at the positives and negatives in order to have a balanced view.

Family life is significantly disturbed by smartphones, most parents notice their children in teen age years are harder to reach as they are always glued to their phones. Also, the risk of cyberbullying is very high as we know and this can affect people's mental health for example it can make them emotionally depressed or make them self-harm which is really bad.

You should also understand the positives of smartphones. They are good for enhanced communication, easy access to information and managing daily tasks. Smartphones, also good for talking to friends you cannot reach. Games, are another distraction because some can help release stress.

In conclusion, family life may be significantly disturbed by smartphones, but they are good for enhanced communication and managing daily tasks. My opinion is that children under 18 years old should be allowed a phone as long as they use it sensibly, and their parents put screen time limits on, age restriction and make sure that their child does not talk to people they should not on so that there are no chances of inappropriate behaviour.

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Should animal testing be banned?

Animal testing is an important tool which has aided millions of people with research into severe diseases: Diabetes, Polio and Parkinson disease. On the other hand, many people think it is disgraceful that is more than 273,972 killed each day. In this debate I will be looking at both sides of this debate.

To begin with, the harmful use of animals in experiments is not only cruel but also often ineffective. Animals do not naturally get many of the diseases humans do. Thankfully, the development of non-animal methods is growing, and fast. In September 2019, Wheeler pledged the EPA would stop conducting or funding any studies on mammals by 2035.

However, animal testing has saved millions of people`s lives this in vivo testing approach (a test on whole living organisms or cells, usually animals) has aided scientists in discovering treatments and preventive measures for multiple conditions: High blood pressure, Diabetes, Tuberculosis, Polio, Muscular dystrophy and Parkinson disease. Animals are needed in research to develop drugs and medical procedures to treat major diseases and illnesses.

In conclusion, there are both benefits and drawbacks to animal testing. Personally, I feel more strongly about animal testing to be banned. Can you imagine your own pets in these laboratories? While animal testing is cruel, it also provides medications for many viruses and illnesses. Overall, it depends on the views of the person and how these experiments are carried out.

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Should children under the age of 12 have a smartphone?

Smartphones are used on a daily basis for many people. Children under the age of 12 are often seen on a smartphone for playing games, watching videos or messaging. More than 97% of children under the age of 12 are owning a smartphone.

To begin with, it's important to consider the reasons why some people believe that children under the age of 12 should not be allowed to have a smartphone. Because young children, can see and hear inappropriate content. Some games may trigger the younger audience which leads to them getting angry and upset. Another concern is that smartphones can be a distraction when going places. This could also, lead to them being cyber-bullied and other negative experiences.

On the other hand, the positive reasons on why under 12 year olds should be allowed to own a smartphone, is that they'll start to become more independent and teaches you how to go places on your own such as: school, the shops, park or to a friend's house. They would also need it to keep in touch in-case of emergencies like: If their hurt, If someone is following them and many more.

In conclusion, the benefits to the children who are under the age of 12 that own a smartphone. Is that, this can help the children stay connected with friends and family, it can also get them a job online like being an influencer or content creator which could earn them money.

The conclusion on the other side of the debate, is that smartphones can also come with risks like: Distractions, Harmful content and scams. But this is completely up to the parents and what they think would be best for their child. This could also depend on the child's maturity.

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