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“Innovation in Teaching Methods – Curbing the Use of Electronics”
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Instead of curbing electronics, let's try to co-exist with them. At least 80% of students bring their cell phones to the classroom. The future of teaching is about but co-existing with electronics.

“First 5 - Last 5” Rule

Glenn suggests teachers to give students the first five minutes of the class to use their cell phones while teachers take attendance, organize his/her papers, etc. After these five minutes, phones should be put away. Students can get to take out and use their phones five minutes before the end of the class.

Teachers should keep students engaged and come up with ways to simultaneously co-exist with cellphone on one hand and curb them on the other.

Glenn divided the room in groups. Each group had 5-7 minutes to come up with ideas of ways to curb the use of electronics in the classroom versus reasons to allow their usage. The below list is the list of answers received from teachers. It was generally agreed that co-existing with mobiles outweighs curbing them.

Curb it	Use it
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wifi control• Random check• Collecting/confiscating phones• Banning mobiles from school• Lock down browsers• Centralized control of mobile devices• Keep students busy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promotes literacy• Creative writing/blogging• Connecting beyond the classroom #SkypeClassRooms• Collaboration – authentic learning experience• Educational apps• iBooks• Social networking for collaboration• Surfing for information• Active learning• Learn subjects through games• GPS• Interactive class applications• Multimedia purposes• Tracking/displays• Text-to-Speech/Speech-to-Text





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