

Persuasive Essay

I I think that fourth graders should have cell phones. Although some people might not agree with me, several reasons support my opinion.

R My first reason is that cell phones can help keep kids safe. **E** If a kid gets lost or hurt, he or she can call a family member or 911. Many phones for kids are programmed with emergency numbers. This makes it easy for kids to quickly dial for help.

R Another reason cell phones are a good idea is that kids need to stay in touch with their families. **E** Today, kids are busy with schoolwork and afterschool activities. Often, parents have to work but still need to make sure their kids get to events or practices. If kids have cell phones, they can easily tell their parents if they are running late or don't need a ride. **CW** Also, parents can call their kids to remind them of where and when to meet them.



I The introduction tells the writer's opinion.

R Reasons support the opinion. The most important reason is first.

E Examples and details explain and support the reasons.

CW Connecting words help link ideas.

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R Finally, kids can use cell phones to call their friends.

E It is important for kids to be social. Cell phones can help them do this.

CP Some people might argue that kids will use their cell phones too much and that cell phone bills are too high. However, my reasons show that it is important for kids to have cell phones to keep them safe and connected. If parents are worried about the cost, they can limit how often kids use their cell phones. But costs shouldn't keep a kid from staying safe and connected.

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The concluding paragraph states how some people may have a different opinion. It then shows why people should agree with the writer's opinion.