

2nd Period How do children use smartphones?

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What are Smartphone-era children doing with their phones?

The followings are their answers.

★Social Media ★Online Games ★Watching Videos

It seems they use smartphones for their hobbies of amusement.

Children widen their connection with people not only with their friends in the real life but also with whom they can share their hobbies or interests through the Internet.

However, they could run into dangerous and malicious persons without realizing.

Children sometimes reveal their names or phone numbers, send pictures and they may go to see people who they only met online without any suspicion.



Social media and online games that children use

OX (former "Twitter")

X is used as a tool to send out and collect information and its users can post and share short texts, images, and videos. They can also comment on other's posts or send direct messages.

Instagram

Users can post and share pictures and videos. "Insta bae (インスタ映え)" has been a famous Japanese expression for being viral on Instagram. Users can also post comments and exchange messages with other users. It also has a function called "stories" where users can post pictures and videos only for 24 hours.

TikTok

Users can take and edit short videos not only post and share them on the app.

Dating apps and Chatting apps

People get to know each other and have a conversation through call or chat through the same apps. Using chatting apps for online-dating is restricted in many cases.

Online games

Game players have access to the Internet through smartphones, tablets, and computers.

Typically, users can play basic contents for free and pay for extra contents. Players can chat with other players in the game.

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Social media can easily cause troubles or crimes because it contains slanders and inappropriate posts, and there are some users looking for romance. In some cases, game players spend large amount of money or become addicted to play online games.



Social medias and online games are not bad. There are issues for how to use them.