



Be Appropriate (Practice)

The following paragraph has many issues with the formality and complexity of its language. At times it relies on cliché to get the point across.

It's silly to give mobile devices to children under 12. It's just a matter of time before they will do something bad and get into trouble with them. But children want the phones because their friends bug them if they don't have one. Also, children will be cut off from their friends. They chat through social media; to them, making phone calls is for the dinosaurs.

1. Identify all the words and phrases that should be changed to make this writing more suitable for an academic context.

2. Rewrite the paragraph with more appropriate language, replacing the vocabulary you have just identified. Aim for a more professional and appropriate tone.