

Describe a rule you didn't like in school.

You should say

What it was

How others thought about this rule

Why you didn't like it

And how it could have been implemented in a better way

Well, actually the question made me **(1) reminisce about** past and it **(2) dug up** a lot of good memories that I had back in the day. Of course, there were some bad days and I did some crazy stuff, but I tried to **(3) tune them out** since, first of all, there's no use **(4) crying over a spilt milk** and secondly what else would it possibly do except for ruining my beautiful picture of that time. Anyways something that really bothered me when I was in high school was the fact that I had to keep my cellphone turned off all the time, but come on, I mean we were boys, and boys wouldn't really obey these rules right? Actually I'm not going to pass a judgment whether it was a good or bad thing, but since having a cellphone was a new thing for all of us, everyone **(5) went gaga for it (6) right out of the gate**. I, for one thing, wanted to **(7) keep tabs on** what was going all around the world and I would use my cellphone's internet to check out the news all the time.

Well the authorities in charge especially the schools V.P got a whole lot more sensitive about this new **(8) gizmo** which had presumably driven the students to distraction so they started **(9) frisking** us every now and then they would actually take away any of these vicious devils they could find not to mention give our parents a **(10) heads-up** that their boy was **(11) going off the rail** and would **(12) flunk** his courses unless there was a change in their parenting. Well, I'm not really taking my own side here and saying that the regulations were good for nothing, but I'm not surely taking theirs either since I believe they could have done a better job on changing the **(13) mindset** how to use the **(14) state of the art technology** in a more acceptable way instead of bringing up that much **(15) hostility** between the kids and the school crew.

Collocations and Useful Phrases

1. To reminisce about something

[intransitive] **reminisce (about something/somebody) to think, talk or write about a happytime in your past**

☐ We spent a happy evening reminiscing about the past

2. To dig something up

to find hidden or forgotten information by careful searching:

They tried to dig up something from his past to spoil his chances of being elected.

3. To tune something out

to put someone or something out of one's consciousness; to cease paying attention to something.

I had to tune the radio out in order to concentrate. I tuned out what the speaker was saying and daydreamed for a while.

4. To cry over a spilt milk

to waste time worrying about something that has happened that you cannot do anything about

☞ As the saying goes— it's no use crying over spilt

5. Go gaga for something

(informal) to react with enthusiasm, especially to an excessive degree.

He always goes gaga over his favorite band's newest album.

6. Right out of the gate

Immediately; at or from the very starting position.

7. To keep tabs on something or somebody

To watch something carefully in order to know what is happening so that you can control a particular situation

☞ It's not always possible to keep tabs on everyone's movements.

8. Gizmo

a general word for a small piece of equipment, often one that does something in a new and clever way

☞ It's a new car, full of gadgets and gizmos.

9. To frisk

frisk somebody to pass your hands over somebody's body to search them for hidden weapons , drugs, etc

10. Heads-up

a piece of information given in advance of something or as advice

☞ Send everyone a heads-up about the changes well in advance.

11. To go off the rail

to start behaving in a strange or unacceptable manner, for example, drinking a lot or taking drugs

☞ She went completely off the rails after her sister died.

12. To flunk somebody

To make somebody fail an exam, a test, or a course by giving them a low mark/grade

☒ She's flunked 13 of the 18 students.

13. Mindset

a set of attitudes or fixed ideas that somebody has and that are often difficult to change

→ SYNONYM [mentality](#)

- ☒ a conservative mindset
- ☒ the mindset of the computer generation

14. State of the art

using the most modern or advanced techniques or methods; as good as it can be at the present time

- ☒ The system was state of the art.
- ☒ a state-of-the-art system
- ☒ The Physics Department has state of the art facilities.

15. Hostility

unfriendly or aggressive feelings or behavior

hostility (to/towards somebody/something) feelings of hostility towards people from other backgrounds

hostility (between A and B) There was open hostility between the two schools