

Should Trading Cards be Banned at School?



One of the most notorious issues in today's education is whether or not trading cards should be banned from schools. The negative impact that trading cards can have on education can be significant. Yet, despite this, many children feel that the use of trading cards is beneficial and should be encouraged. This paper discusses the arguments for and against allowing trading cards in schools.

One of the main reasons why trading cards should be banned from schools is because they cause arguments and conflict during playtimes. Trading cards are very valuable to children and trading them can lead to disagreements, fights and even theft. Additionally, there is no doubt that older children are more inclined to bully younger children in order to gain possession of trading cards. Whereas, younger children simply



want to play cards with their friends. Many children also waste their pocket money on trading cards, when they could be purchasing things that benefit their education, or learning how to save money, which would help them in later life. Therefore, considering these arguments, there is a strong case for the idea that trading cards should be banned from schools.

On the other hand, many children



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have the perception that collecting trading cards is beneficial. Collecting trading cards is not seen as a waste of money, but rather, a way of teaching children the value of money by allowing them to purchase things they want with the money they have earned. Additionally, the need for trading cards to be kept in folders helps to teach children about

being organised. Furthermore, trading cards allow children to learn important communication and negotiation skills and, as a result, can increase their confidence and speaking skills.

The argument for banning trading cards in schools is a complex one. Having carefully considered the arguments for and against, it is my opinion that trading cards should be banned. However, regardless of this opinion, it is fair to conclude that each school needs to consider their individual circumstances and teachers and students need to discuss the arguments for and against, before making a decision.



Questions

1. Find and copy a modal verb.

2. Why might someone get bullied into giving up their cards?

3. How can children use their money instead of buying trading cards?

4. Find the word that means it's good for children to trade cards.

5. How can using their own money on trading cards be helpful for children?

6. How do you think trading cards can improve confidence and communication skills?

7. Write two other words that mean the same as conflict.

8. Write down three conjunctions used to compare and contrast.

9. How does the author suggest that a decision on the ban should be reached?

10. Based on what you have read, do you think trading cards should be banned in schools?
Explain your answer.

Questions

1. Find and copy a modal verb.

One of the following:

should, could, would

2. Why might someone get bullied into giving up their cards?

Trading cards are valuable to children.

3. How can children use their money instead of buying trading cards?

Buy educational items or save their money.

4. Find the word that means it's good for children to trade cards.

beneficial

5. How can using their own money on trading cards be helpful for children?

It teaches children the value of money.

6. How do you think trading cards can improve confidence and communication skills?

It encourages children to talk to each other and they need to make sure they get a good deal for their trade.

7. Write two other words that mean the same as conflict.

argument, fight, quarrel, disagreement, falling-out

8. Write down three conjunctions used to compare and contrast.

despite this on the other hand but rather however

9. How does the author suggest that a decision on the ban should be reached?

Each school should make their own decision after discussing it with teachers and pupils.

10. Based on what you have read, do you think trading cards should be banned in schools?
Explain your answer.

Own answers, but must be based on information from the text.

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