

R O L E P L A Y

TEACHER

You are the principal of the local school. After numerous complaints from teachers, you have decided to introduce a ban on the use of mobile phones at school. More specifically, the teachers have pointed to the facts that students who use mobile phones in class get distracted all the time, are not willing to participate in class activities, and on top of that, use the device to cheat during tests. Some teachers have also complained that students use their mobile phones' cameras to take videos of awkward moments featuring teachers, which they subsequently upload to the Internet without permission. You personally agree with all the arguments your teachers have provided and consider a ban to be the only solution which is both effective and reasonable. A couple of days ago, a delegate from the student council contacted you and asked for an appointment, where he/she would like to discuss the matter with you.

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STUDENT

The principal of the school that you attend is planning on introducing a ban on the use of mobile phones on the premises. You know that this decision was made in reaction to teachers' complaints that mobile phones act as a distractor and are often misused by students. As a member of the student council, you have been delegated to talk to the principal on behalf of all students and try to persuade him to reconsider. A couple of days ago, you asked for an appointment and the principle agreed to see you today. You come with a list of arguments to support the use of mobile phones and to refute the ban.

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PICTURE DESCRIPTION

Compare and contrast the pictures, describe what the people are doing and how they might be feeling. Relate both pictures to your own experience and take a stand on the topic they convey.



LISTENING – TAPESCRIPT

(please play one time only)

Chilies can be so hot that they make people's ears ring, but that hasn't put off chili farmer Gerald Fowler from devoting his life to the plants.

A parrot named Murphy is to blame for Gerald Fowler becoming obsessed with chillies. In the mid-1990s, his uncle gave his father the parrot and a chilli plant to feed him, because the birds can't feel the heat.

More than two decades later, he is still running The Chilli Pepper Company. The firm grows around 50 varieties of chili, including the gnarled Carolina Reaper, which in 2013 was named the world's hottest.

As well as selling seeds to growers, the company also offers "extreme chilli products", from sprays to a vial of pure capsaicin which has a heat of 16 million.

Clients range from those addicted to hot sauce, to gym-goers looking for an endorphin rush before a heavy workout, or those with chronic pain looking to sooth their aches.

Fowler explains that stress is the key to growing extremely hot chili peppers. He uses a greenhouse to exert the perfect levels on his plants.

"The plant's main purpose is to reproduce and sew its seeds, so if you put them under stress, the chilli reacts to that by getting hotter. If you pick the flowers and thin the plant out, then it gets stressed."

As part of the process, plants are bothered to the extent that they droop and fall over. Fowler compares the resulting leaves to an elephant's ear.

And after all this time, Fowler still eats chillies nearly every day. But even he struggles to handle the hottest varieties, like the Carolina Reaper. It is, however, possible to build up a tolerance to a certain extent, but not without a lot of sweating and enduring bizarre side-effects.

"It does take a few years to train yourself," says Fowler. "When you are eating something hot, your body is telling your brain this is hot, so it starts trying to reject it. When you sweat and sneeze, that's your body trying to cool itself down.

Chili pros, says Fowler, are able to pick out the fruity notes between different varieties before the heat takes over.

"The Carolina Reaper has raspberry notes," he offers, but admits: "I've never been able to pick up the notes, just the heat."

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ANSWER KEY

GRAMMAR – 15 points

1 for	6 in	11 has long been overshadowed
2 best	7 there	12 was
3 which	8 once	13 will find
4 as	9 still	14 being served
5 this/that	10 about	15 being

VOCABULARY – 10 points

1 C	2 A	3 C	4 A	5 D	6 C	7 A
8 B	9 C	10 D				

READING – 10 points

1 G	2 C	3 I	4 K	5 F	6 B	7 J
8 D	9 A	10 M				

LISTENING – 5 points

1. gnarled	2. endorphins	3. flowers	4. cool / cool down	5. fruity / raspberry
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Total Points: 40 pts

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