

Ban on Laptops4

Summary

Wakimoto says many law schools are banning laptops in class because (students transcribe lectures) word for word, (which prevents them from processing) the information. Kinkaid express concern about (some people's constant use of digital devices). And Pearson says there is evidence (this can negatively affect a person's behavior). Wakimoto says he uses technology (to stay in touch with friends and enjoy himself).

Words and Phrases

1	Verbatim	This means "in the exact same words". And it can be an adjective or an adverb. For example, at my newspaper, if the prime minister gives an important speech, we often carry a (verbatim) transcript, or we often carry important speeches (verbatim).
2	Verboten	This is a German loanword, and that means prohibited, forbidden. A number of places in the world have made plastic bags (verboten), Haven't they? In other words, the use of plastic bags is banned in the areas.
3	Wean oneself from	When we (wean) a baby, we gradually shift the child from it's mother's milk to other foods. Likewise, if a grow-up (weans himself from) something, he gradually eliminates his dependence on it or stops following some bad habit. We also say (wean oneself off) something like: "She (weaned herself off) cigarettes." Or "The country is trying to (wean itself off) coal". We also have the expression "to be weaned on something" which means to be accustomed to it from a very young age, to grow up with it, basecally. For example, I got my first cell phone when I was in my 20's, but today's kids, today's young people are weand on cell phones.

Grammar

not so much A as B

AよりむしろB

[ex] He is not so much a scholar as a businessman.

彼は学者というよりむしろ実業家です。

[ex] She is not so much stingy as thrifty.

彼女はケチというよりむしろ倹約家です。

Japanese Loan Words

Aikido, Bento, Futon, Haiku, Judo, Karaoke,

Origami, Sushi, Tofu, Tsunami, Wasabi

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Kinkaid recommends that Wakimoto (take time off from digital devices) to relax. Person says periods of rest also (allow the mind to analyze experiences) and turn them into valuable long-time memories. Wakimoto concurs and adds that (constant use of digital devices can harm) relationships with family and friends, Kinkaid warns about (negative changes in one's self-image). And Wakimoto promises to be more careful.

Words and Phrases

1	Insidious	The Latin root of this word means "ambush". And that tells us a lot about the meanings of "(insidious)". Kinkaid is using it to refer to things that spread or work harmfully in subtle or hidden ways. For example computer viruses and malware are often described disguised as legitimate emails or software updates. And "(insidious)" is also used about things that attractive but bad, seductive but harmful. Some people would warn about the (insidious) appeal of money and fame, for example.
2	Run the risk of	When we (run the risk), we are putting ourselves at risk of something, putting ourselves in danger. For example, if we do not answer emails quickly, we (run the risk of) angering people. Or if we do not have a monthly budget, we (run the risk of) spending too much.

Grammar

make use of A

A を利用する

Make (good) use of your time.

時間をうまく利用しなさい

make (free) use of A

A を自由に使う

make (profitable) use of A

A をためになるように使う

make (excessive) use of A

A を過度に使用する

make (the best) use of talent

人材を活用する

I should make better use of my free time!