

Summary of Research on “Is Homework Worth It?”

Pros of Homework	Cons of Homework
Pro 1: Homework teaches discipline and habit	Con 1: Homework interferes with creative time
Pro 2: Homework helps parents know what's being learned in class	Con 2: Homework interferes with extracurricular activities
Pro 3: Homework teaches time management	Con 3: Homework discourages students from going outside and exercising
Pro 4: Homework gives students self-paced learning time	Con 4: Homework leads to unsupervised and unsupportive learning
Pro 5: Homework can reduce screen time	Con 5: Homework can encourage cheating
Pro 6: Homework gives students productive afternoon activities	Con 6: Homework contributes to a culture of poor work-life balance
Pro 7: Homework reinforces information taught in class	Con 7: Homework discourages children from taking up hobbies
Pro 8: Homework helps motivated students to get ahead	Con 8: Homework creates unfairness between children with parents helping and those who don't
Pro 9: Homework gives parents and children time together	Con 9: Homework causes stress and anxiety
Pro 10: Homework improves parent-teacher relationships	Con 10: Homework is often poor quality
Pro 11: Homework helps teachers get through the crowded curriculum	Con 11: Homework is solitary learning
Pro 12: Homework provides spaced repetition for long-term memorization	Con 12: Homework can widen social inequality
Pro 13: Homework supports a flipped learning model to make the most of time with the teacher	
Pro 14: Homework improves student achievement	
Pro 15: Homework helps the national education system keep up with other countries' systems	