



# Social Scenario #4

## Phone Privilege or Privacy?

'I just want the best for my daughter'

Let's jump into a story about Maria, a mom. After reading, gather with your friends and decide what Maria should do. Remember, there's no right or wrong answer, but you only have 1 hour to talk it out before sharing with the class!



Read the scenario below and help Maria decide.



Maria is a caring mother, and she always wants the best for her daughter, Lily. Now, Lily is 14 and she has a big request: she wants her own phone. Many of Lily's friends have phones and they chat, play games, and share pictures all the time. Lily feels she's missing out on a lot without one.

But Maria has some concerns. Phones can open up a world of information, some of it not suitable for young teens. Plus, Maria worries about online safety, screen time, and if having a phone might distract Lily from her studies or real-life activities. Maria knows that giving Lily a phone means more than just buying a device. It's about trust, responsibility, and preparing Lily for the digital world.

She wonders if she should let Lily have a phone and teach her about its responsible use, or if she should wait until Lily is older.



**TRUST** is when we believe in somebody to do the right thing

Lily



'All my friends have phones, and I feel left out. Plus, I promise I'll use it responsibly and not let it affect my schoolwork.'

Maria



'I want to trust Lily, but I'm also her protector. I need to ensure she's safe and not exposed to things she's not ready for.'

Friends



'We love chatting with Lily at school, but it'd be so much more fun if she could join our group chats and online games after school.'

Here are some questions to help you think:

- Why do you think Lily wants a phone so badly?
- What are some of the good and bad things about having a phone at 14?
- How can Maria teach Lily about safe and responsible phone use?
- Do you think phones are a distraction or a tool for learning and fun? Or both?
- Should parents set rules on how and when the phone can be used?
- How can Lily prove she's responsible enough to have her own phone?
- What can Maria do if Lily doesn't follow the phone rules they set together?
- Can there be a middle ground, like a shared family phone or limited phone time for Lily?

Key Vocabulary

mother	friends
phone	screen time
trust	digital world
responsibility	rules
safety	distraction

Discuss with your friends and see if you can help Maria make a decision!

