

# Ideas for the teenage classroom using selfies, airplane mode, and memes

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# 1. Selfie theme words

- Give students a theme word, e.g. *Autumn*
- They take a selfie outside class to demonstrate the word's meaning – or to show an association they have with the word
- Collect and comment



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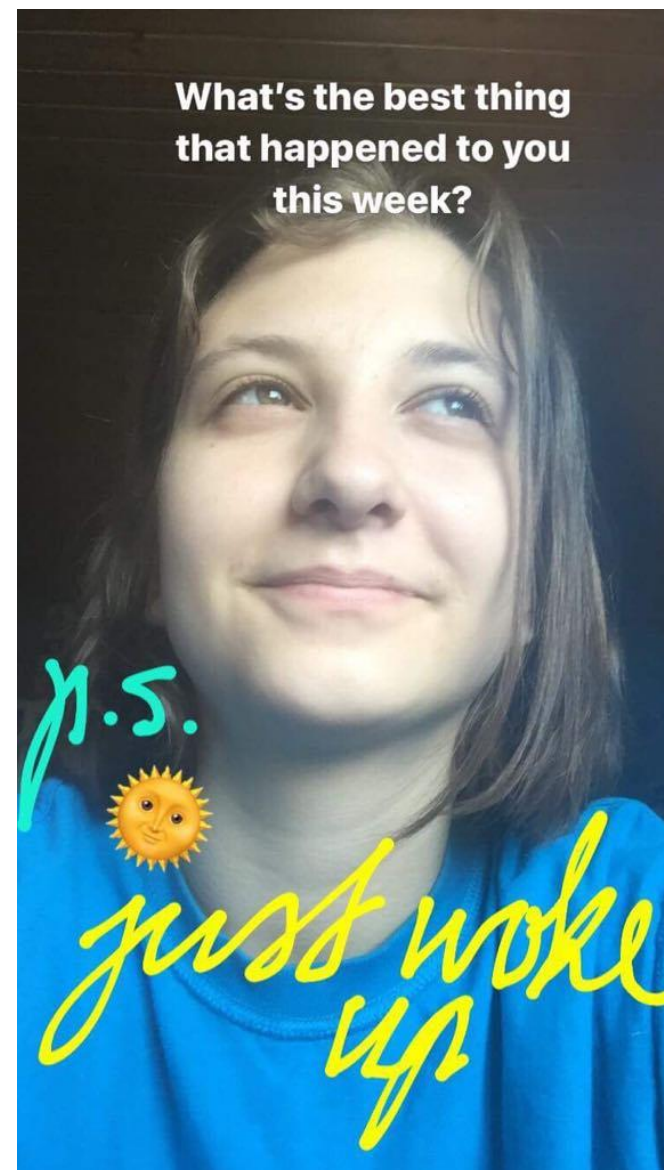
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## 4. Selfie prompts

- Get each student to think of a survey question, e.g. *What's the best thing that happened to you this week?*
- Ask them to take a selfie with the question added
- Invite others to respond in writing – use a notebook to collect the answers or get them to send a selfie back



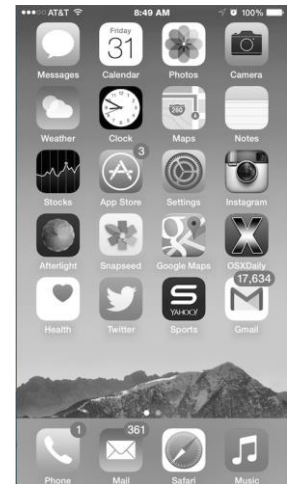
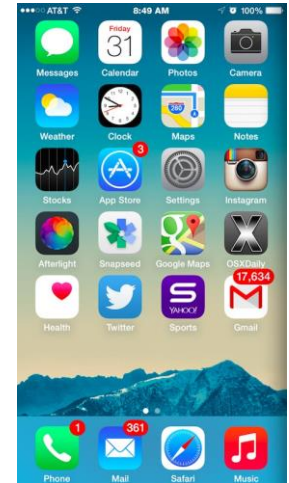
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- Students record the ringtones of three friends or family members
- In class, they give a short introduction about each person on their list
- Others predict what kind of ringtone they expect each person to have, and why
- Play the recordings
- Other students try to match the ringtones to the people on the list

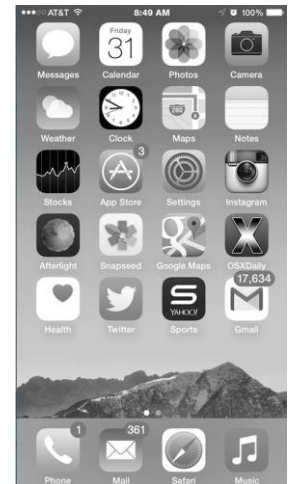
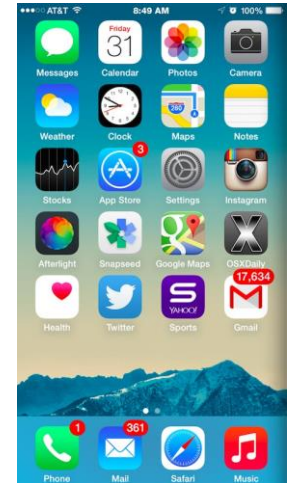
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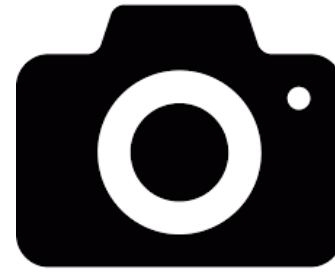


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- What do they notice about how the change affects their phone use? Did they use their phones less or more? Which apps felt better/worse to use? Why?
- Follow-up: get students to discuss the problem of phone overuse – do they have any suggestions or solutions? Discuss in groups



## 7. Invent a photo contest



- Get students to open their gallery and find a picture taken in the last week
- In pairs, share background info / answer any questions
- Tell students that each pair has to nominate one of its photos in an (imaginary) themed photo contest
- Announce the theme of the contest

## Photo-contest theme revealed:

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- Students have to figure out 1) how their photo matches the theme of the contest and 2) what to say about it
- Tip: don't let students change pictures after you announce the theme.



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(with random photos I took last week)

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### Student presentations

- Select a meme
- Provide relevant background info and explain usage
- Make a presentation containing examples



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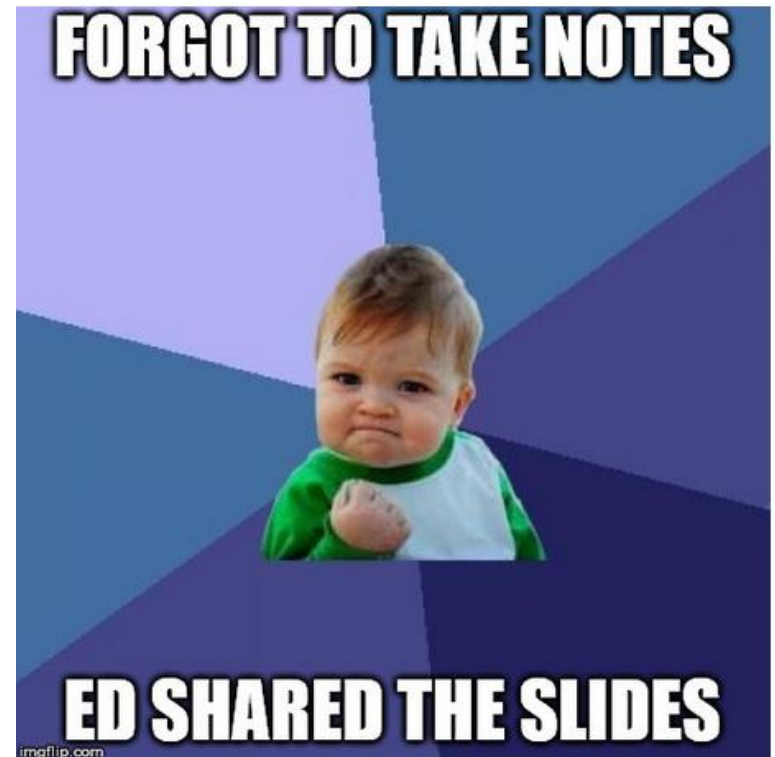


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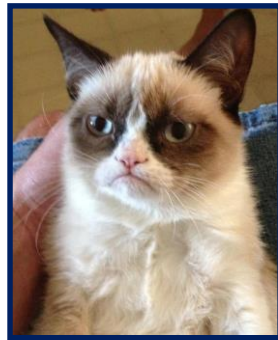
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## 10. Story-telling with memes

- Create a set of slides containing five different meme templates (e.g. Unhelpful High School Teacher, Grumpy Cat, Not Bad, Challenge Accepted, Success Kid)



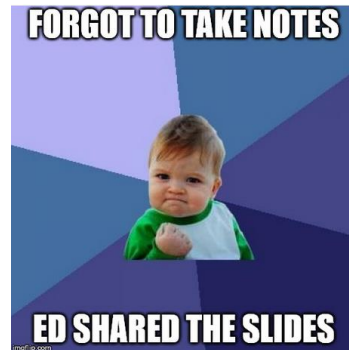
- Students create a story incorporating all five memes
- Tell the story as a slide presentation
- Use the meme slides to emphasise key events

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