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Example Response

Research suggests that the radio waves/microwaves released by mobile phones can heat up the body's tissues, potentially leading to cancers. Children are particularly vulnerable because many of their cells are still developing. There have been no proven links however between mobile phone use and increased cancer rates, although long-term research is ongoing. It is recommended however, as a precaution, that young children limit their use of mobile phones to essential use only. The advantages of children using mobile phones include emergency use and social interaction.