

UNIT-4B

Summary :

In the poem, Preteen Pretext, the poet brings out the pros and cons of her preteen's cell phone. She says her preteen daughter has a cellphone and she never stays alone. Her phone beeps and jitters all day long and it emits bluish light. Like almost every other kids, her preteen daughter is too busy with her cellphone.

One liner messages appear on her screen and her preteen daughter keeps on smiling the day long. She keeps discussing all the matters over her cellphone like who likes whom and many other stuffs. The poet is apprehensive as all such matters elevates her bill. .

The poet also says that she never raised her voice as she herself has high-tech choice. She also gets tensed whenever her assignments piles high.

Even when she has lots of chores to do, she simply texts her and gets sure that she had read the messages. Also whenever her daughter goes out far and wide she can re-enforce her curfew on her daughter by taking away her cellphone. Her preteen feels happy with all the beepings of the phone and also if ever separation occurs between her and her daughter, her cellphones keeps her in touch forever.

But amidst all these, the poet asks we are so engrossed in chatting over phone or talking over phone that we have forgotten to talk face to face. So she ends the poem by asking can't we talk face to face.