

Read the text "Youth problems."

Youth is a beautiful time. The faces of young people, the young souls and young love - everything is beautiful. We can describe all the amazing attractions of this only period in life, which is usually remembered during all lifetime, but many youngsters say that their life is followed by numerous troubles. Really, there is no life without problems, but we can't make little account of youth problems.

Unfortunately, most of the problems are connected with family relations. Moms and dads say that teenage rebels just growing up normal. Their parents said it, just as parents say it today. "Damn kids these days". This phrase is the fad of the adults of all times.

To my mind, each new generation of kids receives negative reviews because of two entwined social dynamics: surliness and rebellion in youth; fear and loathing by parents, whose youth has passed them by.

It's called the generation gap, which pits the impertinence of youth against the attitudes of people over 30, who forget what a pain in the butt they were as kids

If you look at history, youth has always looked bad from the adult perspective. Sometimes it's because they don't remember all the stupid, dangerous things they did as kids.

Adults always tend to glorify their own past. It explains the reason why they often look down their noses at the next generations. Basically, what these critical adults are saying is, "why can't these kids be like us." It is amazing, but every generation goes through this.

I'm deeply convinced that if some parents are ready to write off the next generation, they should remember how they behaved as young teenagers and recognize rebellion as a sign of growing up.

But we should admit, there are some dangerous temptations of the youth and only parents can preserve their children from such social evil as alcohol, smoking and even early sex and killing oneself by using drugs.

For example, the former Soviet Union admitted that it had over 200,000 drug addicts. Because of this the government opened several special hospitals for these addicts. There's a big anti-drugs campaign in the country's schools too. Usually drugs come from several places including Western Europe and Afghanistan. Also, some addicts use glue or steal medical drugs from hospitals.

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dangerous" influence of teenage culture in our country. But actually they follow the ideas of nationalism and even fascism.

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But in my opinion, one thing is clear: after decades of silence in the Soviet Union we face a lot of urgent problem, which should be solved as soon as it is possible.

Write *true* or *false*:

1. The writer says that each new generation of kids receives negative reviews because of two entwined social dynamics.

2. The writer suggests looking at history for some facts.



3. Many people can't offer their way out.



17.03

Read the text "It is great to be a teenager".

I think that the teenage years are the most wonderful years in our life. At this age we start a new adult life. We get more and more freedom. We can go to parties, discos, cafes, etc. We can have a lot of fun with our friends. At this age we start dating. It's really cool. To my mind, romantic relations play an important role in our lives. Teenagers fall in love for the first time. It's a real event! Sometimes they suffer when it's unrequited love, but other times the affectionate feeling is shared by both. What a great experience! It might seem naive at first, but I feel sorry for people who have never fallen in love, no matter how long it lasted.

We can start travelling around the world if our parents can afford it and give us some money for the trip. Then it's possible to have an unforgettable experience visiting different places and meeting new people. Some students from our school have visited England, Malta and other countries where they have taken courses of the English language. It was great.

Of course, now teenagers have a lot more to worry about than their parents did. Violence, alcohol, drugs and AIDS cases are increasing. Still I think that the teenage years are the best time of your life and you will never experience anything like that when you are a middle-aged person.

According to the survey carried out in our class, twelve people think that it's exciting to be a teenager. Four people think it's fun, three people - it's great, two people - it's a chore, one person - it's romantic, one person - it's not easy, one person - it's dangerous, one person - it's fearful. To sum it up, we can say that most teenagers in our class are not pessimistic about their teenage years. They find it exciting to live in our neighbourhood and study in our school.

Some other students have problems with their studies and parents, but they don't think that it spoils their lives completely. Those students who believe it's dangerous and fearful to be a teenager are very much concerned about the problems of our society. They feel unprotected and uncertain about their future, I think we should take into consideration their concerns. We should help our

classmates who have problems. So, in my opinion, if teenagers have a sober mind, they won't get into trouble.

Write 4 words into each gap.

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2. To sum it up, we can say that most teenagers in our class their teenage years.
3. So, in my opinion, if , they won't get into trouble.

23.03

Read the text "Generation gap". Sometimes our parents don't understand us. They don't understand some problems and things which are very important in teens' life; for example, the lifestyles of young people, piercing, tattoos, drugs, sex, relationship with friends and teachers. So sometimes teens can't tell them about their private life. Some parents don't want to understand modern views, ideals and system of values.

Elderly people usually compare their childhood and youth with the present, and regard old times as better, always talking about "the good old days". The young people, on the other hand, tend to think their times as the best. Teens look at the world with fresh eyes. Everything is new, interesting to them. Sometimes they cannot solve their everyday problems. But they want to cope with them by themselves. So adults shouldn't prevent them from making their own mistakes.

People are said to become wiser with age. Sometimes it is true and sometimes it is not. I think that you can meet a wise man among the old as often as among the young. It is false that when old age wisdom has come, useless illusions have disappeared. Sometimes when we talk to adults, a monologue is a preferred form of expressing your ideas in such talks. That's why some teens don't like to talk to adults.

I think that it's in people's nature to give advice. It seems to people that giving advice they can help somebody or put somebody on the right track. But if a person takes their advice and fails, he can blame an adult all of his life.

Our parents have their own ideas and views that their children don't share and understand. They think that their children won't find their place in life. They often say that now teens are very difficult to socialize with and dumpy. But children

should settle all problems peacefully because they are their parents. They brought them up with loving care. And if children come to their parents for advice and help, they will do their best and help children to cope with problems and difficulties.

Write *true, false, doesn't say*:

1. Many parents want to understand modern views, ideals and system of values.

2. People can become wiser with age.

3. The writer says that children should settle all problems peacefully because they are their parents.

24.03

Read the text "Teenagers and money".

Thirteen-year-olds do not spend as much money as their parents suspect - at least not according to the findings of a recent survey, Money and Change. The survey included three hundred teenagers, 13-17 years old.

By the time they reach their teens, most children see their weekly allowance rise dramatically to an amazing national average of \$8. Two thirds think they get enough money, but most expect to have to do something to get it.

Although they have more cash, worry about debt is increasing among teenagers. Therefore, the majority of children make an effort to save for the future.

Greater access to cash among teenagers does not, however, mean that they are more irresponsible for a result. The economic recession seems to have encouraged cautious attitudes to money, even in case of children at these ages. Instead of wasting the pocket money they have on sweets or magazines, the 13-year-olds who took part in the survey seem to respond to the situation by saving more than half of their cash.

Cash card schemes are available for anyone over the age of 13. So if your youngster's moved on from pocket money to a monthly allowance or if he now earns a wage, then he should think about opening his own account. So our children are also far more eager to control their own affairs, according to a recent survey by the Britannia Building Society. In fact most teenagers would rather have a monthly allowance than the traditional weekly sum of pocket money. They want money in an account that they can control and budget with as they please.

But children are only allowed a cheque book when they reach the age of 16. Until then cash cards, which in general are available on savings accounts for those over 13, seem to be a sensible option and are now being offered by most banks and buildings societies.

Opening a card cash account gives teenagers many advantages. They learn to control their own finances and not spend more than they have, which means they have to budget carefully. They'll also have easy access to their money in a case of an emergency. In some cases they can buy cigarettes or even drugs.

To many teens smoking is not just a kind of pleasure, it is an addiction. They need it, depend on it, can't stop it. If they haven't smoked for some hours, they feel a craving for a cigarette. They often chain smoke, which means they light another cigarette immediately they have put out the other one before. Smoking is often considered antisocial, since many people don't like the smell of cigarettes or the sight of the smoker's stained fingers or ashtrays full of cigarette ends.

Above all, smoking is harmful to health and in many countries a warning is printed on every packet of cigarettes. Scientists have proved that there is a link between smoking and a disease, which can be fatal, causing cancer and different diseases of future teenagers' babies.

Choose *true* or *false*:

1. Teens save more money.

- ☐ false ☐ true

2. The writer says that teens are also far more eager to control their own affairs.

- ☐ false ☐ true

3. The writer says that smoking is harmful to health.

- ☐ false ☐ true

16.03

Listen to the dialogue "Character changes". Maria talks about what she would consider changing about her personality.

Write the words into the gaps:

1. So yes, I would like to be more studious and more maybe hesitant in my answers because I talk before I think at some point sometimes. I do like my open personality though, like being for example when we yesterday, I was talking to everybody which was very nice and people seemed to like that open-attitude and as long as you're not being open and arrogant because I try not to.

2. Maria: That wasn't supposed to happen. I can't help it. There was a guy in my school, I don't know the guy, he's probably in his forties, who and it was just impossible for me to say go away so I ended up giving him my phone number and now he calls me every night at half past twelve on my phone which is very loud and very annoying.

3. Maria: I would not mind finding a nice guy. I would not at all. I don't know about the specifics and I'm not even sure I can handle , maybe I just want to meet somebody to try and work it out with but that's probably not the most important thing because I love where I live, I love my study, I don't have a job and that's really nice.

17.03

Listen to the text "Personal problems."

Fill in the gaps:

1. I'm not sure why she has so and I think many of her problems aren't really problems at all.
2. There are happening in the world today than someone breaking up with their friend.
3. If all the terrible things happening in the world, our personal problems really aren't problems at all.

23.03

Listen to the text "Teenagers."

Write the words into the gaps.

1. Our bodies change, our and our whole life changes.
2. Part of all is teenage behaviour.
3. People always think they and children; no one ever says "I want a teenager".

24.03

Quiz irregular verbs письмово в зошиті писати речення повністю