

TEENS IN SOCIETY

VOCABULARY

1. Look at the word cloud and name some other types of communities



Responsibility = something you must do for yourself or for others

Right = something you need according to nature or law

2. Look at the freedoms below, decide which of them are considered to be rights or responsibilities. Some of them are both a right and a responsibility.

FREEDOMS	RIGHTS	RESPONSIBILITIES
1) Freedom of private life		
2) Paying taxes		
3) Freedom of press		
4) Freedom of religion		
5) Follow the law		
6) Stay informed about the government		
7) Tolerate others		
8) Own property		
9) Get an education		
10) Freedom of speech		
11) Vote in elections		

3. Listen to this recording again and fill in the missing words.

Socializing, consequences, challenge, language, stereotyping, image, violence, individuals, adopt, sets, acceptable, communication, outcomes

1) Teenagers learn skills such as nurturing, _____, and decision-making through observation and _____ with parents.

- 2) Negative influencers in the media include _____, hateful or vulgar _____ in movies and music, gender, religious or ethnic _____, and unrealistic representations of success and body _____.
- 3) Friends may _____ each other to become better _____ or influence each other to _____ negative behaviour.
- 4) The community _____ rules that help form your teenager's ideas of right and wrong, gives them a better understanding of _____ behaviour and _____ of doing wrong, which helps them avoid _____ like imprisonment.

READING

4. Look at the pictures. What do you think happened to these children? What are the main reasons children are left without parental care? What is the best way to reduce the problem? Read the article, give answers and tell whether you share the author's ideas?



Child abandonment *occurs* when the legal guardian fails to provide the child with proper supervision or *guardianship*. Abandoned baby cases have become more frequent in most countries. It happens because parents can't support their children or they just do what they want with their kids. Sometimes it's just too much to *handle*. **Furthermore**, it can also happen because young people may not be ready for *parenthood* and to take care of a child, because they may still have school ahead or because girls are *out of wedlock* and can't manage to *cope* with getting enough money to support their child with food or clothing. **In addition to this**, because teenage girls aren't allowed to have children at an early age and some are just *embarrassed about* knowing that they already have a child. Is it enough being done to solve the problem, **however**?

While many people consider babies as their *blessing* from the God, there are others who consider them as a *burden* and feel *ashamed of* it. **Besides that**, the situation has reached a worrying state where babies are *abandoned* in the most unbelievable manner by their mothers in rivers, rubbish dumps, on doorsteps, and even at bus stops.

The reason is that human relationship begins to *deteriorate*. Teenagers' lack of family care and attention from their families may cause them lack of spiritual comfort. **Consequently**, it will remove them far away emotionally from their families and from their "soul mate".

We cannot allow teenagers and others to kill innocent babies born out of *wedlock*. **On the other hand**, we also cannot allow babies to be born out of wedlock without people taking responsibility for their actions. **This way** charitable organisations already help the orphan child, **so** this may be sufficient. **Additionally**, all orphan children have a great lack of confidence. **In fact**, without the help of people these kids would die in hunger and loneliness.

Moreover, there is a purpose for these orphans being on this earth and we should help them. These kids could also be *adopted* because they also need a life and somewhere to rest their heads. The little money we give to the poor could also be used in helping these children. They might not know who their parents are, but they need to enjoy life. The children would grow in faith and also learn about the world. Who knows the future? These children could become doctors, president, and even more. **In conclusion**, the responsibility for orphan children should not just be left to *charities*, but as a society we need to help them and provide some fresh food, clothing, and shelter. **For this reason**, it's essential that governments should care about their happy childhood and protect them. In today's society, it is unacceptable that children live without a family. **Likewise**, the government could also build schools and playgrounds for these children.

These children have the same right for a happy and cared-for life, each of us can *enhance* their quality of life, even the slightest help, care, or *donations* matter.