

**Speaker A:** That's a very good question. I think every country has a different idea of how old a child is when they can be held responsible for their (1) ..... If they're really young, in their preteens, then I would say the parents are responsible. Very young children only get involved in crime if they are left alone without any (2) ..... Nowadays, a lot of families are too busy to worry about these things and I think family values are lost in the process. The children might only start with (3) ..... but, if they fall in with the wrong crowd and become a (4) ..... , then this can escalate to more serious crimes like (5) ..... or car theft. If you get a criminal record as a child, it can affect your whole life.

**Speaker B:** I think each older generation looks at the younger generation and criticises it for being badly behaved. But I do think it's true that, nowadays, people generally have less and less (6) ..... for the rules of society. You only need to look around the streets to see all the graffiti and vandalism. I think that there's also been an increase in (7) ..... Partly I think this is through (8) ..... - young people are very much influenced by what their friends think of them, and it's become cool to act like a (9) ..... I think the main problem, though, is the media. It cultivates that image and it becomes normal for children to see violent (10) .....

**Speaker C:** I go out on my own in the day quite often but I would very rarely do it at night. In the area where I live, the (11) ..... has increased significantly in the past few years. There seems to be a lot more criminal activity these days so I think it's a lot safer to go out in a group. There's no (12) ..... or anything like that. I'm not afraid of getting stabbed, it's more (13) ..... , you know, when people grab your bag, stuff like that. I think it's because of the rising unemployment. People just don't have enough money. I suppose that's why some of them turn to (14) .....