

HIGH TECH TEENS

Teenagers spend a lot of time in their bedrooms **hanging out** with their friends, but your **average** teenager's bedroom has changed a lot in the past few years.

Up until recently, teenagers had teddy bears, dolls, sports **equipment**, tape recorders, board games and the odd radio in their bedroom. Nowadays, these traditional toys are all but gone and **innovations** such as MP3 music players and games **consoles** are popular instead!

A recent **survey** showed that seven out of ten British teens have a TV in their room and six out of ten have a games console. More than half the children have a DVD player or a hi-fi system, while around one in three have a digital music player (MP3) or a computer (PC) or laptop, and 10% of teens have plasma TV.

So, it's not surprising that around a third of the kids have **gadgets** worth up to £2,000 in their rooms! How do they pay for them? Well, nine out of ten of them receive these hi-tech goods as Christmas or birthday presents, while others save their **pocket money** or earn the money through working.

Some parents might be shocked to find out that their son or daughter could be sleeping on a **gold mine**. It seems fair to say that as new technology increases so does the value of kids' bedrooms!

Can You Tell which Sentences are True and which are False?

1. Teenagers today have more traditional toys in their bedrooms than in the past.
2. A significant number of British teenagers own a television in their room.
3. Most teenagers pay for their gadgets by working part-time jobs.
4. The value of gadgets in teenagers' bedrooms has increased with new technology.
5. Many teenagers receive their electronic devices as gifts.
6. The text suggests that all teenagers have a computer or laptop in their room.
7. The author believes that parents should be aware of the value of their children's bedrooms.