

I weekends



How do teenagers spend their free time? Where do they go? **Teens Now** met some teenagers. Let's see what they say.

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"I'm not really into mainstream fashion, so the East Village is 1) I hang out at the weekends. I just love the alternative shops down there. It's such a cool area that you can always find 2) interesting and different to buy. There are some fantastic coffee shops there, too. My favourite is *alt.coffee*, an Internet café. Some of the shops are expensive, 3) we just spend time window-shopping. In Tompkins Square Park there's a basketball court and we play there sometimes."

Jane, 16

ALMATY

"I love hanging 4) with my friends during the weekends. Every Saturday, my brother Rustam and I meet our friends at Almaty Central Park to walk around and chat. We're all crazy 5) water rides so if the weather is good and the sun is out we go on the waterslides. Then, we either go for a coffee 6) we go to the Dostyk Plaza mall to do some shopping."

Nurlan, 17



Check these words

- mainstream fashion
- alternative shop
- cool
- window-shopping
- court
- chat
- waterslide

8.1.3.1 8.3.8.1 **1** Read the title of the text. In pairs, discuss why you love weekends.

A: *I love weekends because I meet my friends and we go out together.*

B: *Me too. We usually go window-shopping or play basketball.*

a) 8.4.4.1 **2** How do Jane and Nurlan spend their weekends? Read to find out.

b) 8.2.7.1 **3** Read the texts again and complete the missing words.

Listen and check.

8.1.4.1 **4**  Work in pairs. Write down four questions based on the text. Exchange papers and answer your partner's questions.

8.5.3.1 **5** What do teenagers in your city/town do at the weekend?

Where do they go? Who with? Tell the class, then write a short article. Illustrate your work with photos.