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Book: Full Blast B1 - Units: 1 - 4



Reading

A. Being a teenager is not easy. Read this teen's blog about problems teenagers have to face and match the highlighted words with the definitions: (5x1=5)



PROBLEMS OF TEENAGERS

There are many problems that young people have to face when they stop being children. At this age all feelings and emotions are very strong, all problems seem very important. There are two types of problems - personal problems and the problems the **whole** generation has to face.

Personal problems can look silly and unimportant to the grown-ups. The first and terrible thing is misunderstanding from the dearest people - from the parents. They do not understand why you need to buy certain things, listen to certain music or spend most of your spare time with your friends. You do not want to hurt their feelings but they should try to understand you.

The same **misunderstanding** we face sometimes from the side of the teachers. They think that **youth** is given for studying. But a person who only studies is dull. Some teachers do not understand that youth is the time for us to learn about people and about ourselves, to play and try things. They try to keep us away from all «dangers» which make up life. But we need to be taken seriously.

As long as parents and teachers can't take teenagers seriously, they form their own social groups, which are called subcultures. Teens' subculture is a part of culture and it reveals itself in many **features** - clothes, styles of favorite music, way of life, opinions about life, future and education, the choice of friends and other aspects. Many groups of teenagers follow a certain fashion which requires wearing a certain piece of clothes (like jeans, army boots, bandanas), jewellery (like earrings for boys), certain hairdos (ponytail, shaved heads, colored or dyed hair), sometimes certain colors.



The problem of homework is also very serious. It takes much time and I am always busy doing it. I have no time for my hobbies.



The problem of money is important as well. I think, young people need to have pocket money for buying books, pens, ice-cream and so on.

Sometimes the problem of fashion appears. My parents try to buy me clothes according to their taste. Sometimes that's all right, but sometimes I want something more fashionable, especially for summer. Then we can argue for hours. It is interesting that in the question of clothes my mother is on my side, on the contrary, in the question of books and music my father **supports** me against mom.



Young people stand many health problems. Many of us want to look older and more independent. They do silly things. Both boys and girls begin to smoke and drink beer and sometimes other alcoholic drinks. Sometimes they begin using drugs and become drug addicts. I think that is terrible.



- a. **characteristics:** _____
- b. **entire:** _____
- c. **misinterpretation:** _____
- d. **the period between the childhood and adult age:** _____
- e. **agrees and gives encouragement and approval to sth.** _____

B- Read the text again and answer the following questions: (5x3=15)

1. According to the text what kind of problems do teenagers have to face?

2. Who can't take teenagers seriously?

3. Mention at least three aspects/characteristics of teens' subculture.

4. What do boys and girls do to look older?

5. In your opinion what problems do you have to face as a teenager?



Listening

C- It's easy to look at today's generation of teenagers and say they are babied, oversensitive, and spoiled. This is the case of a teen who wants his parents to buy a new cell phone. Listen to the conversation between a friend and him about this situation, then choose the right answers to each sentence: (5x4=20p.)

1. He needs a new phone because ...
 - a. his parents took his last one.
 - b. someone stole his phone.
 - c. his phone is an older model.
2. How many phones does he already have?
 - a. two
 - b. three
 - c. four
3. According to the conversation, the boy's parents seem to be...
 - a. kind.
 - b. friendly.
 - c. selfish.
4. What do his parents want to do to get a new phone?
 - a. ask his brother if he can use an old phone.
 - b. find a job and work to earn some money.
 - c. take out money from his bank account.
5. What is the best word to describe this teen's personality?
 - a. self-centered.
 - b. confident.
 - c. unselfish.



Language in use

D. Are you a Millennial? Find out in the following article. Complete the text with the correct form of the words in CAPITALS (10x0.5=5p.)

The Millennial Generation consists of the people who were born during the 1980s up until about the early 2000s. _____ (RESEARCH) believe that this generation has specific characteristics that are different from previous generations. They use different means of _____ (COMMUNICATE) and this defines the way they work as well as their relationships with others. Millennials grew up with technology and rely on it 24/7. For them, not using technology to perform a job is totally _____ (PRACTICAL) and _____ (CONVENIENT). Millennials also use smartphones, tablets, social media and the Internet to socialize. In _____ (ADD), people belonging to this group are also _____ (BELIEVE) or followers of an optimistic attitude towards life. They are known for believing that they have a strong _____ (POSSIBLE) of becoming rich, _____ (FAME) or successful. They are confident and _____ (AMBITION). They prefer jobs where teamwork is encouraged and where they can use their skills and creativity. This generation is responsible for some the greatest _____ (INVENT) in the last few decades.

E. Some teenagers enjoy reading or watching the news. They love to be informed. Complete the following pieces of news with the correct verb from the box: (10p.)

put off - get away with - keep on - put out - keep up with

- a. Marathon runner couldn't _____ the rest of competitors.
- b. National soccer team coach announced that they will _____ trying.
- c. The bank robbers managed to _____ \$100.000.
- d. It took the firemen six hours to _____ the fire _____.
- e. Because of the storm the meeting had to be _____.

put up - get around - keep out - put aside - keep in mind

- f. Land owners warned the teenagers to _____ from their property.
- g. Only 10% of the population _____ some money _____ for their retirement.
- h. The speaker asked us to _____ the risks of global warming.
- i. Local schools will _____ the refugees _____ for the night.
- j. 90% of students say they can't _____ to reading more books.

D. Some teens can reach their dreams. Read what happened to Adrian and choose the best option. (11)

From an ordinary student to an extra!

Adrian Jenkins _____ (make) a successful career as an extra and _____ (appear) in more than 40 feature films and TV shows. "I _____ (work) as an extra for over two years now, and I _____ (never be) bored. For the last two days, I _____ (do) a commercial for a bank - that finishes tomorrow. After that, I don't know - something will turn up. I _____ (just, change) my agency, and the new agency _____ (work) really hard to find me jobs. They _____ (show) my picture to lots of directors and, as a result, I _____ (have) plenty of offers. So you can see that I _____ (not sit) around at home watching daytime TV - even if I am in some of the programs. I _____ (imagine) this!"

F. Studying hard is also important in teens' life. Read the following conversation and choose: "do" or "make". (8p.)

Mary: Ray was right to make / do an effort and study English at ISICANA.

Jeff: Yes, he made / did the right decision. He always made / did very well at school too and now he has made / did a lot of money as a translator.



Mary: Yes, I remember when we were all at school together. He made / did all the projects.

Jeff: Well, have you made / done any plans for the weekend?

Mary: Not really but I have to make / do some research for my final project at college.

Jeff: If you make / do up your mind, we can go to the movie theater.

G. What are your plans for the future? You are writing your end of year resolutions, complete them using the correct form of *be going to*, Simple Future or Future Perfect.(6p.)

Your predictions about your future

a- I think _____.

b- I'm sure _____.

Your plans or intentions for the future

c- I _____.

d- I _____.

Actions that will be completed before a specific time in your future

e- _____ by 2030.

f- _____ by the end of 2021.



Writing

H. Your opinion as a teenager is important. Choose one topic to write an opinion paragraph. Remember to include a title. (20p)

- a. Being popular on social media
- b. Studying online

Use linking words/phrases such as:

On the one hand/on the other hand / Firstly...To begin with... Secondly... Moreover...In addition...

Finally... From my point of view... The way I see it... Personally, I believe...