

ENGLISH 11. READING

Is There Really a Generation Gap?

According to the results of a survey in USA WEEKEND Magazine, there isn't really a generation gap. The magazine's "Teens & Parents" survey shows that today's generation of young people generally gets along well with their parents and appreciates the way they're being raised. Most feel that their parents understand them, and they believe their parents consider family as the No. 1 priority in their lives. Although more than a third of teens have something in their rooms they would like to keep secret from their parents, it is usually nothing more harmful than a diary or a CD.

Such results may seem surprising in the context of the violent events that people hear about in the media. Maybe because of the things they hear, parents worry that their own kids might get out of control once they reach the teenage years. However, the facts in the survey should make us feel better. The survey shows us that today's teens are loving and sensible. They are certainly happier than the angry people in the **teenage stereotypes** we all know about. True, some teenagers are very angry, and we need to recognise their needs, but the great majority of teens are not like that at all.

In contrast to some stereotypes, most teens believe they must be understanding about differences among individuals. Many of them volunteer for community service with disadvantaged people. When they talk about themselves, their friends and their families, they sound positive and proud. Generally, these are very nice kids.

1. In the first paragraph, what does the survey find out about teenagers?

- A. They appreciate good CDs.
- B. They stay in their rooms.
- C. They like the way their parents raise them.
- D. They have a good relationship with their parents.

2. What makes parents worry about their kids?

- A. The children's secret.
- B. The violent events.
- C. The children's need.
- D. The media.

3. What does the phrase "**teenage stereotypes**" in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. The idea that teens recognise their needs.
- B. The idea that teens are loving and sensible.
- C. The idea that teens are much happier than we think.
- D. The idea that teens are angry people.

4. What is the main subject of paragraph 3?

- A. Differences between teens.
- B. The positive attitude of teens to others
- C. Volunteering for disadvantaged people.
- D. Stereotypes about teens.

5. What is the author's opinion about teenagers?

- A. He feels positive about them.
- B. He thinks they now are out of control.
- C. He hopes they should be more understanding.
- D. He seems to be worried about the young generation.