What are the teens' problems?



1 Read and choose the problems which teens usually have:



1. too much homework
2. lack of free time
3. having nobody to talk to
4. unfair punishments
5. lack of independence
6. having nobody to rely on
7. too many responsibilities at home
8. dependence on parents
9. unequal rights with other members of the family
10. getting along with an elder/ younger sister or brother
11. lack of friends



2 Read and translate filling in the correct preposition:

1. Helen wants her parents __ allow her to get a Saturday work.
2. My parents went mad __ the teacher's comment in my copy-book.
3. I'm worried __ my sister because she is very lazy.
4. The teacher told us __ get ready for the maths test next week.
5. My parents made me walk our dog __ the morning.
6. Now all my friends arrange things __ me.
7. I can't stop talking __ the lessons.

3 Read and name the children's problems:



✸ Kate: My mum is getting me down about my homework. She always checks the fulfillment of my home-work. She makes me do my homework in advance. That's why I have no free time at all. I'm under much strain.

✸ Ben: I've found a job on Satur-days because we aren't very rich. I think I must help my mom. But my friends have forgotten about me. They laugh at me and my job. I feel very lonely. What can I do?

✸ Andrew: My sister is very strange. She is very pessimistic. She dislikes everything. Sometimes she is very angry and cruel. She beats me sometimes and I'm afraid of her. I don't understand her. Can you help me?

✸ Tina: I have three little sisters I my family. My parents make me take care of them all the time. It's very difficult to feed them and to make them sleep. I'm awfully tired every day. I can't think about my homework because I'm too tired.

✸ Linda: My parents are divorced. Four days of the week I live with my mom and three days of the week - with my dad. When I come from my dad, my mother begins to scold me even for the slightest thing. I hate my parents.



4 Your experience:

1. Do you have any problems? What are they? 2. Who helps you to solve your problems? 3. Do your friends have any problems? 4. Do your friends ask you for help? 5. What do you advise them to do?