

Listen and read:

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Track 1

Cameron, 14

I get on with all my classmates, but Steve is my best friend. We see each other every day at school, but we often chat for ages on the phone in the evening, too. We talk about loads of things, but in particular we make plans for Friday and Saturday night. This weekend he's having a party.

I keep in touch with my old friends from primary school through Facebook. I use it a lot. I sometimes see them around town, too, but our conversations aren't very deep! It's just 'How are you doing? How's school?'. We don't talk about anything important.

As for my parents, they trust me and let me go anywhere as long as I stay out of trouble.



Harry, 15

I have more female friends than male friends, but with the boys I talk about sport, computer games, cars, anything really, oh, and girls, of course. Nothing too serious. After school, we go to the cinema or a friend's house. There's not much you can do round here. We occasionally go surfing at the weekend, but it's quite far to the coast.

I used to spend a lot of money talking to friends on my mobile, but it was pretty stupid really and a real waste of money. Now we wait until we see each other.



Helen, 14

My best friend is Kathy – we're thinking of going on holiday together and she's saving her pocket money for the trip! I'm sure we'll be friends forever. In fact, she's my only friend. I find most people my age boring – they're all into 'virtual friendships' on the computer!

Parents? Don't mention them! They treat me like a baby. I don't see eye to eye with them on anything – school, boys, music, and especially clothes. My mother's usual comment is: 'What are you wearing? You aren't going out in that dress, are you?'. It's very hard for parents to admit that their children are growing up.



Tessa, 15

I have about three or four really close friends. If you have only one really close friend, it's difficult to meet other people. In my opinion, a good friend is someone who is there for you when you're feeling down, someone you can have fun with, and someone you can talk to.

I have a good relationship with my parents and I try not to disappoint them. They let me go out with my friends because they trust me. We only disagree about one thing – the mess in my bedroom! I must admit that I'm rather untidy, which annoys my parents very much.



CAMERON

get on	слагати се, бити у добрим односима
classmates	школски другови
for ages	дуго
loads of	много (нечега)
in particular	нарочито
keep in touch	бити у контакту
conversation	разговор
as for (my parents)	што се тиче (мојих родитеља)
trust	веровати, имати поверења
stay out of trouble	клонити се невоље

HARRY

female	женски
male	мушки
occasionally	повремено
quite far	прилично далеко
coast	обала
used to spend	некада сам трошио
pretty	овде: веома
waste of (money)	траћење (новца)

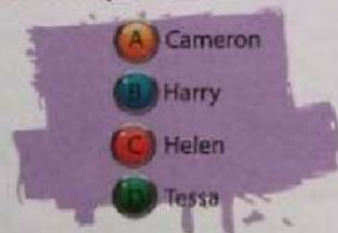
HELEN

save	овде: штедети
pocket money	џепарац
trip	кратак пут
I find	сматрам
people my age	особе мојих година
mention	спомињати
hard	тешко
admit	признати
grow up	одрасли

TESSA

in my opinion	сматрам, моје је мишљење
feel down	бити нерасположен
relationship	однос
disappoint	разочарати
disagree	не слагати се
mess	неред
rather untidy	прилично неуредна
annoy	нервирати

- 3 Read the texts again and put a letter next to each question:



A Cameron

B Harry

C Helen

D Tessa

Who:

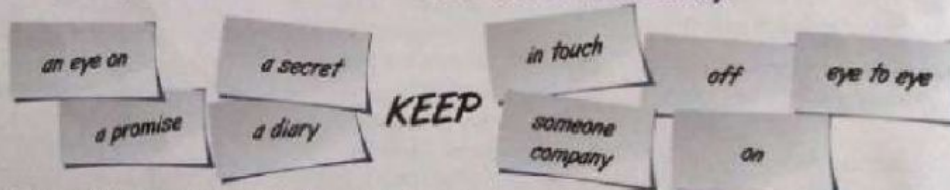
1. has a very bad relationship with their parents?
2. likes watersports?
3. sometimes has problems with their parents?
4. had huge bills in the past?
5. doesn't keep their room tidy?
6. doesn't like making friends on the computer?
7. occasionally chats with their old friends?
8. prefers to have more than one really good friend?
9. has a good relationship with everybody in the class?

- 4 Use the words from the box to complete the sentences.

1. Playing computer games is _____ time.
2. It is better to spend money than to _____ it.
3. There is nothing to do _____ - no parks, no cinema, nothing!
4. Everyone in my class sees _____ - we are all good friends.
5. I listen to music when I _____ and then I am happier.

feel down
round here
a waste of
save
eye to eye

- 5 Find the expression with **KEEP** from the text on friends and family.



Cross out the expression with keep which does not exist?

- 6 Now use some of the expressions with **KEEP** to complete the sentences below.

1. Can't you see the notice '_____ the grass'?
2. You must _____ trying! Don't give up!
3. She is so lonely because there is nobody to _____ her _____.
4. I have to _____ my sister's children while she prepares dinner.
5. Can you _____ or do you tell everybody?
6. Do you _____? What do you write about in it?
7. How do you prefer to _____ with friends - by phone, email or 'snail mail'?

Talk about the last three questions with a partner.

Can you remember who used these phrases? Match the phrases to the names.

Cameron

Tessa

Harry

Helen

1. gets on with all classmates
2. three or four really close friends
3. a good relationship with parents
4. holiday together
5. chat for ages on the phone
6. a real waste of money
7. virtual friendships
8. keep in touch with friends from the primary school
9. the mess in the bedroom
10. doesn't see eye to eye with parents
11. stay out of trouble
12. go surfing

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