WHAT ARE YOUR PARENTS DOING NOW?



Maybe they're watching you, listening to you or finding out where you are. How? It's all thanks to new high-tech equipment from specialist companies in the USA.

A company called BladeRunner has a jacket with a GPS system inside. It costs $500, and for $20 a month your parents can always see where you are (or where your jacket is!). But that's nothing. Do your parents want to know what you're eating? No problem. MyNutriKids tells them what you're having for lunch at school. Do your parents want to know your exam results? GradeSpeed is a service which gives them that information. Do they want to know what online conversations you're having? IMSafer tells them. You usually arrive on time for extra-curricular sports classes. But if one day you don't arrive on time, there's a service which informs your parents. And there's another service which sends them a message if you go outside a specific area.



So, are your parents protecting you or are they spying on you? Babies and small children need constant care and protection. But is it really important for parents to know where their teenage kids are every minute of the day? Adolescents need to take their own decisions and make their own mistakes. Mistakes are an important part of growing up, of passing from childhood to independence. We think it's important for parents to give their children the opportunity to do this.



3 Read the text again and choose the best answers.

1 The BladeRunner jacket
- a costs $500.
- b only works if you pay regularly.
- c has a mobile phone inside.

2 GradeSpeed
- a helps students to work fast in exams.
- b helps students to have good results in exams.
- c gives parents information about exam results.

3 One of the services
- a tells parents if their children do not arrive at a place on time.
- b stops children from entering a new zone.
- c tells children if they are going into a dangerous place.

4 A lot of the new technology
- a is dangerous for children.
- b gives parents information about their children.
- c is difficult to use.

5 In the article, it says that for young people it is
- a bad to make mistakes.
- b important to listen to parents.
- c important to have the chance to make mistakes.

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