

Module 2 – Teens in Great Britain

Student:

Do you think teens are the same around the world?

Before reading, look at a map of the world and locate the United Kingdom (UK). Then, answer these questions. Choose the best option.

Great Britain is located in:

- a. Europe b. South America c. Asia

The United Kingdom of Great Britain is made up of four countries:

- a. England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland
b. France, England, Cardiff, and London
c. England, Belgium, France, and Ireland



Teens in Great Britain

School

British teenagers spend most of their time at school. When they are 16, most students take their first important exams, the GCSEs. They spend 2-3 hours on homework after school. Forget watching TV!

Uniforms

Visit almost any school in the UK and the first thing you'll notice is the school uniform. Although wearing a school uniform has its advantages, most teenagers don't like it.

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Bullies

Most teenagers say they have been bullied because of their race, looks, intelligence, school uniforms, etc.

Clothes

Some teens judge you by the shirt or shoes you wear; many teens believe it's important to wear designer labels.

Mobile phones

British teens love to chat. Mobile phones are essential for most of them. The majority of teens have one, although text bullying is also a new and worrying trend.

Free time

Many British teens are passionate about music. They love going out, but bars and clubs have strict rules for teens under 18. It's no surprise that they spend a lot of time online.

Complete the sentences according to the text.

1. Wearing a school uniform is a positive thing; but _____
2. British teens don't watch TV because _____
3. British teens spend more time online because _____
4. Teens are _____ when they take GCSEs.
5. Forty percent of teens in the UK _____
6. Text-bullying is _____
7. For British teens, music is _____