



Directions: Put the words in the box into the spaces in the paragraph below

things	fewer	growing up	
strategy	protect	surveys	
reasons	instead of	behavior	pathway

A new study says today's teenagers are (1) _____ more slowly than previous generations. Research from San Diego State University looked at data on teenage (2) _____ from the past 40 years, between 1976 and 2016. It looked at (3) _____ on 8 million teens from seven different countries. Researchers said that compared to teenagers from the 70s, 80s and 90s, today's teens, "are taking longer to engage in both the pleasures and the responsibilities of adulthood". Professor Jean Twenge said: "The whole developmental (4) _____ has slowed down." She said today's 18-year-olds are living more like 15-year-olds used to live. She said teenagers are taking far (5) _____ risks than they did before.

The researchers said today's teenagers are taking longer to do (6) _____ their parents and grandparents did. They are older when they go on their first date, less likely to have a part-time job, and are less likely to drive. Professor Twenge said this is a "slow life (7) _____". Researchers also found that more teenagers are spending longer living with their parents instead of renting their own room or apartment. One of the (8) _____ for these behaviors is how much time teenagers spend online. The Internet is keeping teens on social media, looking at videos or playing games (9) _____ living in the "real world". Another reason was parents who try and do too much for their children and (10) _____ them too much.