

LIVING WITH THE ENEMY

Lesson preparation

1. Read the article. Are these sentences **True** or **False**?

1. Marilyn's two sons are quite similar.
2. Harry is doing badly at school.
3. Harry knows which job he wants to do.
4. Tom doesn't study very hard.
5. Tom isn't very ambitious.
6. Marilyn is only worried about Harry

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PEOPLE often say that living with teenagers is worse than living with any other age group. But is this true? We talked to two parents with teenage children to find out.

Marilyn Scott

Yes, sometimes it's really difficult living with teenagers. But it isn't only their age, it's also the type of people they are. My two sons are completely different. Tom's easier to live with than Harry. Harry's a

typical moody fifteen-year-old. He's a lot noisier and more aggressive than Tom, and he isn't as considerate. So he's much harder to live with. But Harry's got his good side too. He's very bright and his exam results are always better than Tom's.

Tom's two years older than Harry, as he's more mature and less stubborn than his brother. He's also a bit more patient and can be very helpful when he wants to be. But he's got bigger problems at school. He's as intelligent as Harry, but he's much lazier and his exam results are always worse than his brother's. Harry wants to be a pilot when he leaves school, but Tom doesn't know what he wants to do.

In some ways I'm a bit more worried about Harry because he isn't as happy as Tom. But I also worry about Tom because he hasn't got any plans for his future. Yes, life is hard living with teenagers, but I'll miss them when they leave home.

2. Look at the article above. Find the comparative forms of these adjectives:

1. easy *easier*
2. aggressive
3. good
4. old
5. mature
6. big
7. bad