Reading 1

What is a teenager? If you were to Google this question, you would find the answer that a teenager is a person between the ages of 13 and 19. While this is true, it is a very simple definition of an extremely interesting and important life stage. As we all know, a 'teenager' is so much more than this. The teenage years, or adolescence, as it's also known, is the bridge between childhood and young adulthood. As such, it has always been a time of great social, biological, and emotional change. However, the teenage life stage is also a very different experience now to what it used to be. As we have said, adolescence is a period of change where a person moves from childhood to adulthood. Consequently, it is often referred to as the 'in-between age' and it is often hard to determine when childhood ends and adulthood begins.

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<tr><td>1. The author thinks that "a person between the ages of 13-19" is an excellent definition of the word "teenager". True False</td><td>4. What is another word for the teenage years?</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. The teenage years are a time of:
a. social, physical, and emotional change
b. Social, financial, and mental change
c. Social, mental, and emotional change</td><td>5. The purpose of this text is ...
a. To entertain
b. To inform
c. To give instructions</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">3. Adolescence today is...
a. The same as in the past
b. Different from the past
c. The text doesn't say</td></tr>
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Reading 2

From ancient times, humans have looked for ways to communicate with each other, so that they can pass on and receive information. Paintings of animals have been found on the walls of caves dating back thousands and thousands of years. It is assumed that the purpose of these paintings was to advise others about which food could be found nearby or to warn others of possible dangers. As spoken language developed, so did communication. People used to live in small communities where stories were passed down from generation to generation through an oral tradition, but the stories remained within these communities. Then, as people started travelling more, especially for trade, these stories were passed between different cultures.

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<tr><td>1. The word "ancient" in the first sentence means...
a. Beautiful
b. Far in the past
c. Complicated</td><td>2. Why did people paint on the walls of caves?
a. To create beautiful art
b. To tell interesting stories
c. To communicate important information</td></tr>
<tr><td>3. What did people start doing so that stories were passed between different cultures?
a. Advising
b. Travelling
c. Speaking</td><td>4. What might the word "oral" mean in line 5?
a. Modern
b. International
c. spoken</td></tr>
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