

WE ALL HAVE PROBLEMS

Always

Sometimes

Never

When I have a problem...

- 1. I talk to my best friend...**
- 2. I talk to my parents...**
- 3. I ask a teacher for advice...**
- 4. I look for advice on the Internet...**

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Look. Then, answer.

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- 1 Abby Smith writes **Ask Abby**, an online advice column that helps teenagers by answering posts about their problems. Abby started her advice column in 2010. At that time, her column was only published in the school magazine where she worked. Today, teens all over the world can ask Abby for her advice.
- 2 It all started when Abby became a secondary school teacher. At that time, she was only 22 years old. Abby noticed that teens usually shared their problems with her and listened to her advice. Two years later, Abby decided to start her website **Ask Abby**.
- 3 Abby has learned that teens sometimes prefer to ask for advice in an anonymous way. She says, "Teens usually like to talk about their problems. Sometimes they write, "I have a problem." But other times, they prefer to say, "My friend has this problem..." when

they refer to their own problems.

- 4 Teens ask for her advice on many different subjects, such as problems in the family, problems at school, eating disorders, bullying, and cyber bullying. Abby confesses that she doesn't always know the answers to every problem. Sometimes she has to ask other experts for help.
- 5 Nowadays, apart from her job as an online counselor, Abby often visits schools to give advice to teenagers, parents, and teachers. She also hosts a live online weekly radio show about teen problems, and she often makes television appearances that discuss teenage issues.



What type of text is it?

a) A magazine article b) A newspaper article c) An online article

What is the article about?

a) A secretary b) A counselor c) A student

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After reading, answer the questions.

1. Paragraph _____ describes the different activities she does at the present time.
2. Paragraph _____ explains why she decided to begin her online advice column.
3. Paragraph _____ lists some of the problems teenagers have.
4. Paragraph _____ talks about where she started publishing her advice column.
5. Paragraph _____ explains what some teenagers write in their column.

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Reat the sentences. Then, answer.

1 Abby Smith writes an online advice column.

2 Teens usually like to talk about their problems.

3 She often makes television appearances.

4 Sometimes she has to ask other experts for help.

These sentences refer to...

a) past habits b) present habits c) future habits

Which two sentences are about a third person singular?

a) 1 and 2 b) 2 and 3 c) 1 and 3

What happens to most verbs in the third person singular?

a) They take -s at the end b) They don't take -s at the end

Have is an irregular verb, which changes to...

a) *haves* in the third person singular b) *has* in the third person singular

Usually is a frequency adverb that describes actions that happen...

a) frequently b) almost never c) a few times