



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

### 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. Use your own words.

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 \_\_\_\_\_