

2  **01** Read the article and choose the best answers.

- 1 What does the author say about arguments in families?
  - a Teenagers almost never agree with their parents.
  - b It's very common for teenagers to argue with their mum and dad.
  - c Teenagers often argue with their brothers and sisters.
- 2 Most arguments between teenagers and parents occur because ...
  - a teenagers don't listen.
  - b parents don't explain their opinion well.
  - c teenagers don't get what they want.
- 3 What is it important to do when you ask your parents for something?
  - a Give the reasons for your request.
  - b Ask politely.
  - c Compare your situation to your friends'.
- 4 In general, what has a positive effect on your parents' reply?
  - a You give them examples of how your behaviour is positive.
  - b You offer to help them.
  - c You say that you deserve a positive reply.
- 5 What isn't a 'magic formula'?
  - a Listening to your parents' reasons.
  - b Asking nicely.
  - c Following the author's advice.

‘...I’m saving up my money for a smartphone but they’re very expensive. Can you please give me some pocket money if I help more in the house?’

So, listen to your parents’ reasons, explain why you want something, and show why you deserve it. This isn’t a magic formula, but it helps. Good luck!

3 Match the underlined words in the article to the meanings.

- 1 behave well, so it's fair that a good thing happens to you
- 2 spend the night at a friends' house
- 3 money you get from your parents
- 4 very bad arguments
- 5 not having the same opinion



**Critical thinkers**

4 Which of these ideas agree with opinions in the text (A), clearly disagree with opinions in the text (D), or are not in the text at all (N)?

- 1 Get angry when you don't get what you want. A/D/N
- 2 Choose the right time to ask for something. A/D/N
- 3 You need to understand your parents' point of view. A/D/N
- 4 Don't compare your parents to your friends' parents. A/D/N
- 5 Insist if you get 'no' for an answer the first time. A/D/N
- 6    **LIVE WORKSHEETS** A/D/N