

READING

- 1 Read problems 1–3 quickly. Who isn't annoyed with a family member?

TROUBLESPOT

don't get angry – get advice



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KAITLIN, 15, DERBY

I'm quite a shy person and I haven't got a lot of friends. I was walking home from school yesterday, when I saw some boys from my class. They were laughing at me. One of them said, 'She's always on her own!' and he pointed at me. It was unbelievable! Why do I have to be with someone all the time? What's wrong with being on your own?

DYLAN, 14, PENZANCE

My little brother is really annoying. Yesterday, I found him in my room. He knows he mustn't go in there. And he was reading my diary! It made me really angry. Then we had an argument because he took my phone. He sent about 50 texts and now I haven't got any credit. Help!

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ALEX, 15, LONDON

My best mates, Sasha and Mandy, are just like me. They're often late and they forget things, but they **behave themselves** (most of the time!). I was hanging out with them last Saturday and I had to get home by 10 pm, but we were having fun and I didn't realise the time. I was a bit late because they didn't have to get home until 11 pm.

Now my parents say I can't spend time with my mates because they can't **trust** me, and I have to get home by 9.30 pm. It isn't **fair**! I don't want to fall out with my parents, but they think I'm still a child. What should I do?

What you think ...

- A I agree. Sometimes you don't have anything in common with other people, and that's fine.
- B He should **apologise**. Maybe you should **lock** your door.
- C You shouldn't get angry. It's important to talk to your parents. Then you'll understand why they're worried.
- D You must show them you can change, so try to be really sensible for a month – or forever!
- E Maybe you should put a **password** on your phone.
- F Friendship is important, but you don't have to be with someone all the time. It's good to be independent.

2 Read the problems again and complete the sentences with the correct names, *Kaitlin*, *Dylan* or *Alex*.

- 1 _____ has a problem as a result of a mistake.
- 2 _____ had a problem after class one day.
- 3 _____ had an unwelcome visitor.
- 4 _____ likes being alone sometimes.
- 5 _____ doesn't agree with someone else's decision.
- 6 _____ can't use something essential.

3 Read the problems again and then read advice A–F in the 'What you think ...' section. Match two pieces of advice to each person.

4 What advice would *you* give to each person?

5 Match the **highlighted** words to the meanings.

- 1 a secret word that protects you online
- 2 shut something with a key
- 3 say sorry to someone
- 4 treating people in a way that is right
- 5 be polite and not do things that are unhelpful
- 6 believe someone is good, reliable and honest



TALKING POINTS

Are internet forums good places to get advice?
Why? / Why not?

In what ways can you help or support your friends when they have problems?

READING

- 1 Read the first paragraph quickly. Tick (✓) what you think the article is going to be about.

1 interesting activities you do with your grandparents	☐
2 how you feel about your grandparents	☐
3 arguments with your grandparents	☐
- 2 Read the whole text and check your answers to Exercise 1.
- 3 Read the text again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 All of the readers get on very well with their grandparents.	_____
2 Giuliana's grandmother lives in a different town.	_____
3 Giuliana shares an interest with her grandmother.	_____
4 Giuliana's grandmother is teaching her to cook a dish she invented.	_____
5 Andy's granddad is good at sports.	_____
6 Andy's and Boris's granddads make them laugh.	_____
7 Boris's grandfather is a serious man.	_____
8 Boris's grandparents don't visit as often as they did.	_____
- 4 Match the **highlighted** words in the text to their meanings.

1 childish or not serious	_____
2 doing things with your face that make people laugh	_____
3 in or to a foreign country	_____
4 having a thing, experience or emotion at the same time as someone else	_____
5 notices or understands something	_____
6 food prepared as part of a meal	_____
- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words from Exercise 4.

1 This _____ smells delicious! Yum!
2 Stop being _____! It's not funny.
3 I love _____ music and videos on Facebook with my friends.
4 She's so funny when she _____.
5 Alex and his family always go _____ in the summer.
6 They didn't _____ the train was at noon.

GRANDPARENTS = GRAND PEOPLE

Last month we asked you to send us your ideas about grandparents. We received some very interesting answers! Some of you describe your grandparents as friends. They are the people you talk to when you have to talk to an adult, but you don't want to talk to your mum or dad. They help you, they're there for you and they don't disagree with you. But there are a few of you who have grandparents who live in different towns, or even **abroad**, and so you don't see them very often.

Grandparents are special people and we love ours! Here's what you say.

Giuliana Ross, Canada

I love everyone in my family, but my grandma is really special for me. She lives a few streets away from us, so when I want to be on my own, I usually walk to her house. She doesn't ask questions. I love that! We do lots of things together too, like making food, which we enjoy. At the moment, she's teaching me to make her favourite **dish**, which her grandmother taught her. It's quite hard to do, but I love **sharing** moments with her. It's special.

Andy Davidson, USA

I love my granddad! He's just the best – he can keep a secret, he helps me and he's really funny! We have lots of fun, and we have lots in common. We both enjoy going climbing! My granddad is really good at that – no one **realises** that he's in his sixties!

Boris Sanneh, UK

My grandparents live in another country. They visit us about every three years, but it's hard because we don't really know what to talk about. They ask about school and things like that. That's usually the first week. By the second week though, things are a bit better and it's more 'natural'. When my sister and I were younger, they visited more often and I remember Grandpa doing **silly** things, like **making faces** when Mum wasn't looking. He still does that sometimes. But now that they are older, I'd like them to live closer.

Next week:

Older brothers and sisters – do you get on well? Write in with your experiences to portia@yourteenmag.uk.

