

It's a teen's life

Problems of Youth
Teenagers' Problems
Problems of Young Generation



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Family:
Relationship with parents and siblings

Bad habits:
Smoking
Beer drinking
Drug addiction
Gum chewing

Behaviour:
Relationship with classmates and schoolmates
Friendship
Bullying

Teenagers' Problems

Appearance:
Weight
Haircut
Clothing
Image



School:
Homework
Stressful tests and exams
Problems with teachers

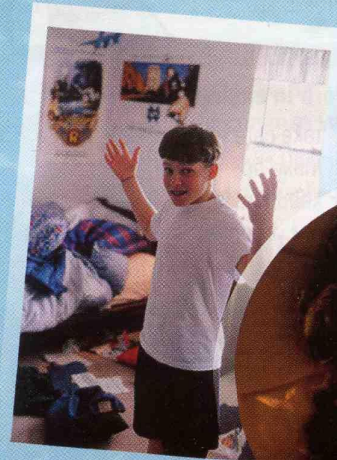
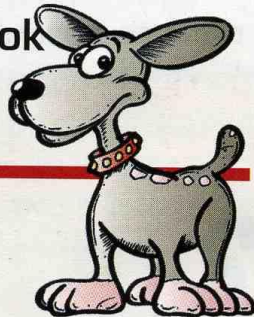


School: Homework

The 5 Favourite Excuses

According to a survey, students who don't do their homework are using some old excuses and inventing some imaginative new ones.

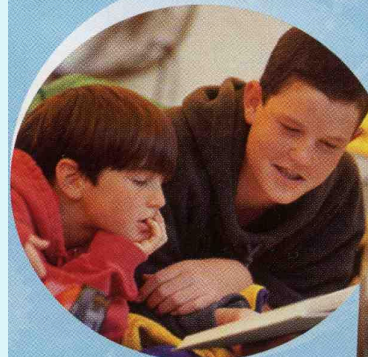
- 1 Homework's in the dog
- 2 Not enough time
- 3 Couldn't be bothered
- 4 Lost my coursebook
- 5 Felt ill



lost my
schoolbooks



felt ill



looked after
my brother

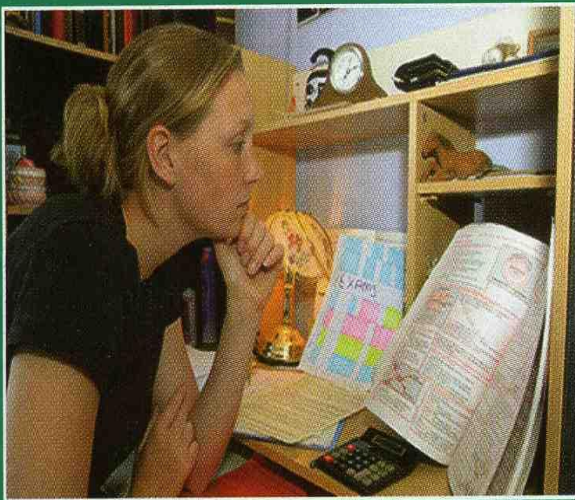


went shopping

What's your opinion?

Do you think it's important to have homework?

No more homework!



A private school in Yorkshire, England, recently (1) (make) an unusual school rule: no more homework! The pupils were amazed when they (2) (hear) about the new rule. The head teacher explained: 'I (3) (sit) in my office at the end of a long school day when I heard some pupils outside talking about all their homework. They (4) (not / want) to study all evening! That's when I decided to abolish homework.'

What about exam results? After the new rule, (5) (they/ change)? Actually, the pupils got good results, so parents were happy.

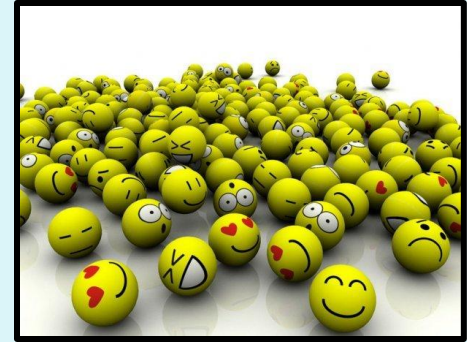
Several years ago, Dr Susan Hallam (6) (study) at the University of London when she wrote a report about homework. She (7) (say) that too much homework made students bored or anxious. Her conclusion (8) (be) that: 'Homework ... should help students to understand their lessons.'

What makes you laugh in class?

Somebody opens their bag
and everything falls out.

Somebody falls asleep.

Somebody's tummy starts
rumbling.

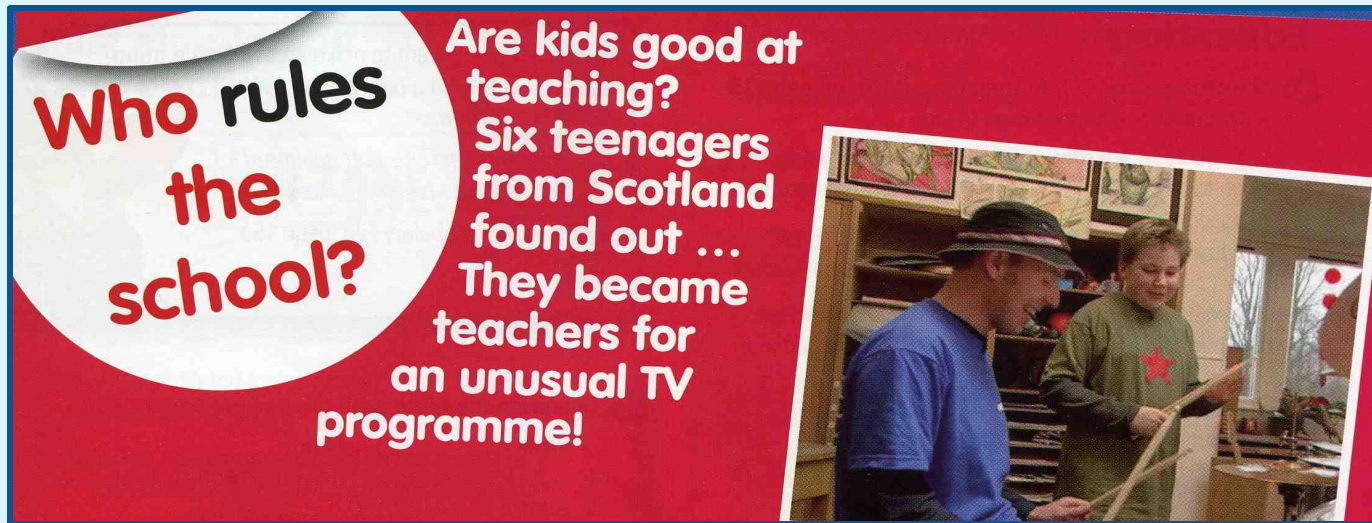


Red with embarrassment!

1. It wasn't my fault
2. Shocking shorts
3. See the sign



DVD Activities



1. What lesson did you watch?
2. Did the adults think the Headmistress looked frightening?
3. How did they feel?
4. Were students good at the lesson?
5. Did they learn fast?
6. Do you think the teenagers were good teachers?

What's your opinion?

Complete the questions and answer them.

Chewing gum – a dirty habit?

- 1 you fed up with seeing chewing gum on the streets?
- 2 your school desk got pieces of old gum underneath it?
- 3 your teacher let you chew gum in class?
- 4 anyone in the classroom chewing gum now?
- 5 you usually put your gum in a bin?
- 6 you got any good ideas about what to do with gum?



Extreme Behaviour

How do you usually react to people's bad behaviour?
Do you easily get angry?



FACT!
a report from the USA says that 86% of 11-15 year-olds worry about teasing and bullying.

QUIZ

How do you react to unfair behaviour?

Check your answers below to see how well you solve problems.

- 1 What would you do if someone accidentally made you fall over in the playground?
A Hit the person hard.
B Sit down and cry.
C Give them a chance to apologise.
- 2 What would you do if an older boy wanted your money?
A Fight him.
B Give him the money.
C Shout and try to run away.
- 3 If someone in your class always made rude comments about you, what would you do?
A Get very angry.
B Get upset, but not say anything.
C Try not to react to the comments and tell an adult.
- 4 If you heard some kids saying horrible comments to your friend, what would you do?
A Shout at the other kids.
B Ignore it. Let your friend sort out the problem.
C Help your friend and tell the other kids to stop it.

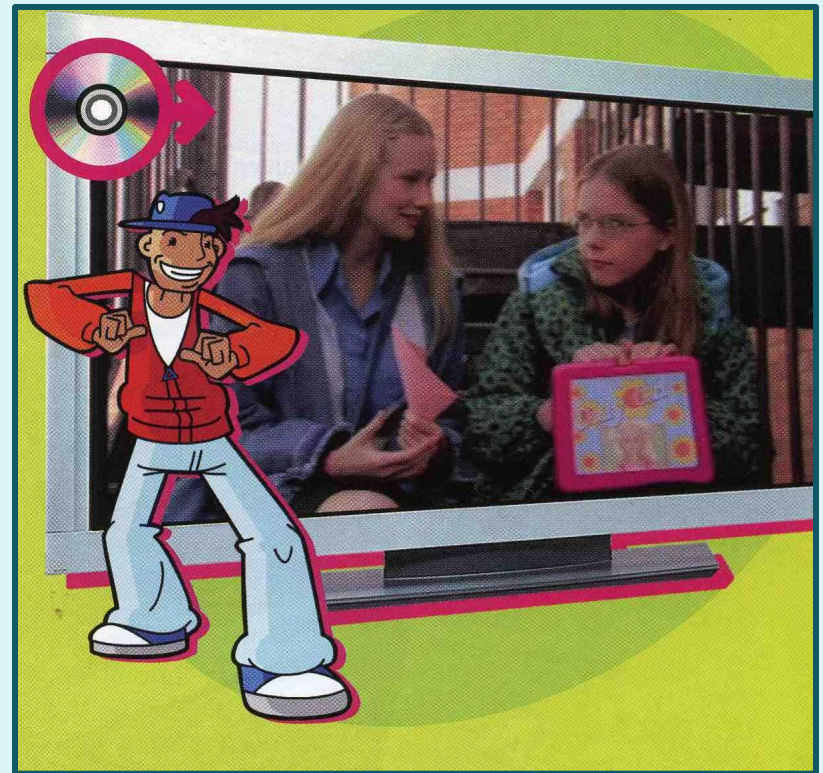
DVD Activities

Solving a problem

Words you might need:

- **Lunchbox** – a box in which food is carried to school
- **Trendy Wendy** – some one who always wants to be fashionable

1. Was the girl with the lunchbox upset or embarrassed?
2. What was the problem with the lunchbox?
3. Did Stacey think she could help the girl?
4. What happened in the end?



Appearance



FACT!

Tattooing is a very old art, going back ten thousand years. Tattoos are very popular with sailors. Henna tattoos are temporary, and fade in two or three weeks. Celebrities such as David Beckham and Lena Headey have helped make tattoos into a fashion statement.

Tattoos and piercings are just another way of decorating your body like make-up or clothes.

Young people only want tattoos because famous people have them.

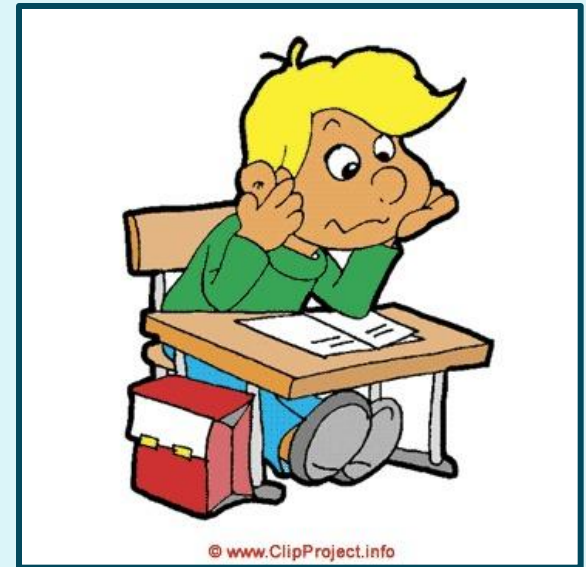
Temporary tattoos are better than permanent ones because you can change the design when you change your clothes.

Some tattoos look cool but it can be difficult to get a good job if you're covered in them.

- Match the characteristics to the definition
ambitious, bossy, easy-going, conscientious, indecisive, dynamic, organized, punctual, self-centered, sensitive

This person...

1. ..does things in a careful well-planned way.
2. ..always thinks about him/herself.
3. ..always tells other people what to do.
4. ..often arrives on time.
5. ..is easily upset.
6. ..always does a job well.
7. ..wants to be successful.
8. ..can't decide about things.
9. ..is very calm.
10. ..is full of energy and ideas.



Words and their opposites

Ambitious - unambitious

Mature - immature

Decisive - indecisive

Organized - disorganized

Sensitive – insensitive

Imaginative – unimaginative

Friendly – unfriendly

Polite - impolite

Bossy – timid

Hard-working – lazy

Humorous – serious

Confident – shy, insecure

Talkative - quiet

Conscientious - unconscientious,



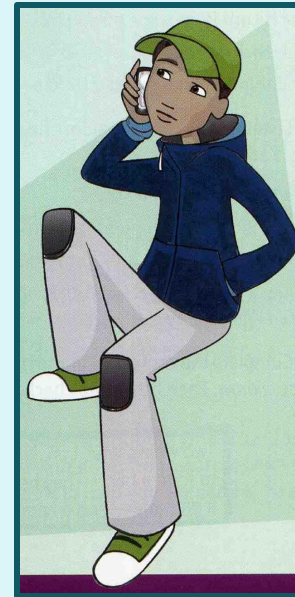
Family:

Relationship with parents and siblings

How birth order affects your personality.

- Where are you in your family?
- Are you a big brother or sister or somewhere in the middle?
- Or maybe you're an only child?
- Wherever you are, psychologists believe your position in the family has an important effect on your personality.

- **A first-born**
- **A last-born**
- **A middle-born**
- **An only child**



How can teenagers solve their problems?

Ask for help **your family, your teachers, your friends!**

Sometimes you have problems,
Sometimes you feel sad,
But **friends** can always help you
And stop you feeling bad.
Your family, your teachers
Have always been with you.
And they help make your wishes
Easily come true!

