

I Reading and Use of English

I.1 Being a teenager

Read the texts. Match the headings (A – F) and the teenagers. There is one more heading than you need.

Nebeyu 	The best thing about going through puberty is that a deeper voice and armpit hair make you seem more manly. You start to grow muscle, which attracts girls. It's really handy.	
Alya 	As a teenager, you want things your way, but your parents want it another way because they're trying to look out for you. You don't always agree. That leads to fights. It's exhausting because you go from, "Oh Mommy loves me" to "Oh I hate my parents" in the snap of a finger.	
Zoey 	The best thing is you learn about relationships in the making. When you're younger, you're curious about boys. But as you grow older, you start to develop feelings. It's kind of cool to see how that works and what happens in the real world when you're older.	
Delaney 	What I like about my parents is they're not too strict. They give me a lot of freedom and let me make my own decisions. I can decide "I want to go to the mall and I want to go to the movies" and you don't always have to let someone know.	
Mike 	You can get away with a lot of things. I guess when you're an adult, you can't say that you did something because you felt like doing it. But when you're a kid, you can be like, "Oh I did something stupid because I felt like doing it. And I know I can get away with it."	

(abridged and adapted from: Spot on 7/11, pp. 26 – 28)

Headings

- A Arguing and caring
- B Being independent
- C Having fun at parties
- D Changes to the body
- E The right to be careless
- F The process of finding a partner

I.2 Teenager invents cheap printer to help blind people read

by John Bilstein

When Louis Braille developed an alphabet for the blind in the 1820s, he was just 16 years of age. Now Shubham Banerjee, 13, from San José, California, has invented a Braille printer that costs just \$350. It uses the same technology as Lego Robotics kits and the design is so simple that talented people could make one at home.

The Braille alphabet has always been difficult to print because blind readers have to be able to feel the letters. Printers that can emboss paper cost more than \$2,000 at the moment, and many of the world's 285 million visually impaired people live in poor countries so they could never buy one.

Shubham first presented his machine to the public at a school science fair. "I was just trying to help people," he told the Intel Capital Summit 2014.

"I've never thought it would come this far, but many people asked me: Can I buy this off the shelf?" That's how it all started, and the young Lego fan was suddenly a businessman with his own company called Braigo Labs.

The idea has won Shubham financial backing from Intel, making him the youngest inventor to ever receive venture capital from a global IT company. Intel's investment is thought to be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, giving Braigo Labs a chance to manufacture Braille printers professionally.

However, it will always be an "after school thing" for Shubham who plans to study engineering. He clearly has the talent for it.

(adapted from: Read On, January 2015, p. 8)

Answer the following questions in one to six words or in numbers.

1 How old was Louis Braille when he created the writing system for the blind?

2 What are the special features of Shubham Banerjee's extraordinary invention? (*Name two.*)

3 Where do a lot of blind people have their homes?

4 Where did Shubham Banerjee originally exhibit his invention?

5 Who provides the money to produce the invention?

6 What is Shubham Banerjee intending to do in the future?

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I.3 Language in use

The problems of being a teenager

Read the text and mark the correct words or phrases missing in the text in the table below. There is only one correct answer for each item.

Spencer Morgan, a 16-year-old from Oldham, talks to *Network* about being a teenager today.

(1) ... I walk down the street with a group of mates, people often think we're troublemakers. We are (2) ... noisy, we mess around and maybe they don't like our clothes. People cross the road when they see us. Why? I suppose they (3) ... we want trouble, when most of the time we just want to buy a burger. But that's just part of being a 16-year-old these days. Many people have a stereotypical idea of (4)

Most (5) ... the time it's completely untrue and unfair. I think I'm a typical teenager – I like hanging around with my friends, but we're not criminals. I play the guitar in a band, I like (6) ... to parties and I don't (7) ... obey my parents. And, like most teenagers, I want to be somebody in life. I want to be (8)

(https://elt.oup.com/elt/students/networkitaly/dislessia/NET1_DYS_U3_p32.pdf, abridged)

(1)	a) What	b) When	c) Whether	d) Why
(2)	a) quiet	b) quieter	c) quietest	d) quite
(3)	a) have thought	b) think	c) thinking	d) thought
(4)	a) teenager	b) teenagers	c) teenager's	d) teenagers'
(5)	a) in	b) on	c) of	d) off
(6)	a) have gone	b) go	c) going	d) went
(7)	a) always	b) automatic	c) very	d) willing
(8)	a) successful	b) successfuller	c) successfulest	d) successfully

II Mediation

What parents can do

Sie haben ein fächerübergreifendes Projekt zum Thema „Probleme Jugendlicher beim Erwachsenwerden“ durchgeführt. Die Ergebnisse werden auf einem Elternabend präsentiert. Übertragen Sie die folgenden englischsprachigen Tipps zum Umgang mit Jugendlichen ins Deutsche.

Here's how parents can help teens handle the many pressures they face today:

- 1 Appreciate how different your teen's world is from when you were a teen.
- 2 Provide your teen with opportunities for debate and independent decision-making.
- 3 Focus on the positive instead of criticizing, and praise your teen's special talents and nurture his/her interests.
- 4 Avoid commenting on your teen's appearance – instead, focus on their health.
- 5 Set and enforce limits on your teen's media use. Watch TV and movies with your teen so you can better connect and discuss the messages.
- 6 Listen carefully and watch to make sure your teen isn't overloaded.
- 7 If you suspect your teen may be taking part in bullying, find out the reason for the behavior.

(adapted from: PressuresOnTodaysTeens010709)

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III Writing

III.1 Student information form

Imagine you got a scholarship for an exchange programme. Complete the following part of the form so that a host family that matches your personal way of life can be selected.

Free time activities

Describe your free time activities. (30 words)

Travel experience

Describe your past travel experience (e.g. class trips, holidays). (30 words)

Staying in a host family

Explain how you will benefit from staying with a host family. (20 words)

Food and health information

Do you have to follow a special diet? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe your eating habits. (20 words)

III.2 Teenage life

Choose one of the following tasks.

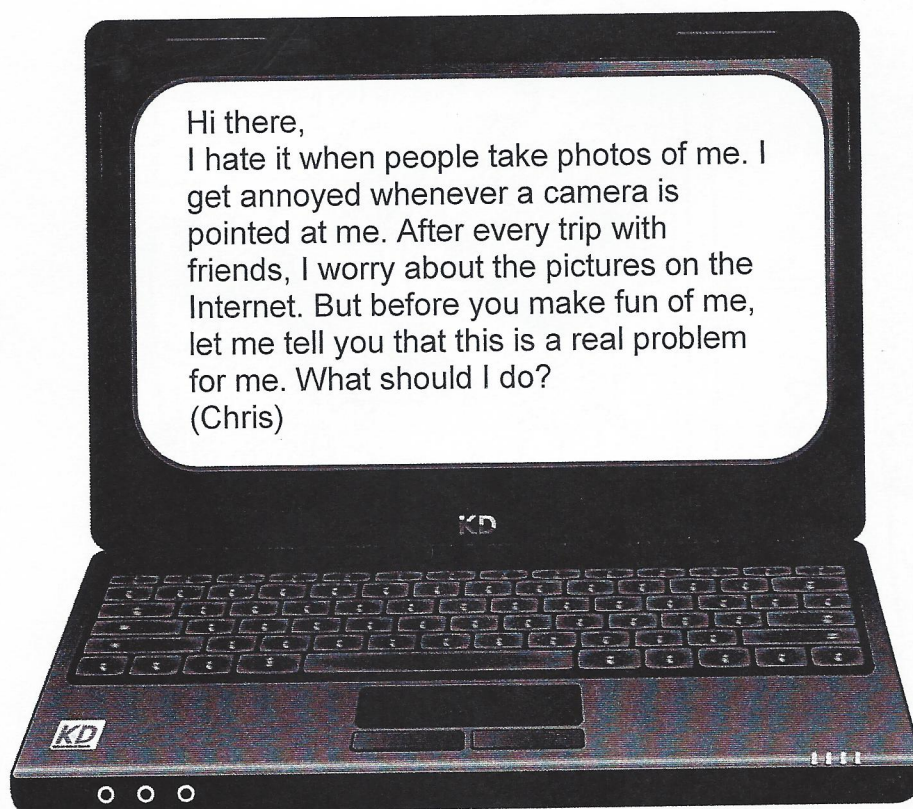
a) Chatroom: What should I do?

You find this question in a chatroom and want to reply. Include the following ideas in your post:

- *State your opinion.*
- *Describe your own experiences.*
- *Give advice.*

Don't use Internet chat room acronyms and slang words. Keep to the rules of English grammar and spelling.

Write at least 120 words.



or

b) **School uniforms promote conformity**

- Describe the cartoon.
- Explain how clothes influence a person's personality.
- What role do clothes play in your life? Give your opinion.

Write at least 120 words.

