

Teenagers

A typical scene in a town: it is late at night, but standing on street corners and in the doors of shops are groups of teenagers. What are they doing there? Is there no other place for them to meet, to talk to one another? Isn't it possible for them to meet in their own homes, or in a teenage club or teenage bar?

adolescence	bored
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a teenage boy/girl	boredom
teenage problems	interested
	interesting
to protest	interest
to rebel against	insecure
to have contact with someone	confused
to experiment	lonely
	misunderstood
strange clothes	to feel inferior
popular music	an inferiority complex
drugs	mature
political organizations	immature
freedom	awkward

1. Teenage girls in some countries are often shut inside their homes by their parents to keep them away from their boy-friends. Does this happen in this country?
2. Why are there so many teenagers on the streets of towns late at night? What are they doing there? Are they safe?
3. Why is it so often difficult for teenagers to talk to their parents about their problems? Can parents help with these problems?

4. Would you agree that these are some of the important problems of teenagers?

Who am I?

I am bored.

They don't understand me.

People are laughing at me.

I don't know what to do.

I won't do what they tell me.

I don't have any good friends.

5. Some teenagers try hard to be different from other people. They wear strange clothes or have strange habits. But these same teenagers also try to be the same as other teenagers. They wear the same clothes. have the same habits, the same ideas, like the same music. Why?
6. Why are many teenagers so bored? How could they help themselves?
7. Many teenagers take part in protest meetings about political questions. Are they really interested in politics or are they protesting for other reasons?
8. Does this country care about teenagers? Do teenagers have a chance to express themselves in magazines?
9. A teenager said: "If I notice that a boy has begun to be fond of me, I begin to despise him, because I know that only a fool could love me. And if a boy tells me I'm beautiful, I know that he is either a liar or an idiot."Do you understand this girl's problems.?