

Reading

A1. Read the text about problems between teenagers and their parents and decide if each sentence is T (true) or F (false). (10 marks)

1. Teenagers don't feel that living with their parents is hard work.
2. The most common arguments between parents and teens are about untidiness and household chores.
3. Teenagers get very angry when parents refuse to help them with the housework.
4. A survey by St George University showed that there are many approaches to teen-parent problems.
5. Yelling at teens and clearing up after them is particularly successful.
6. Letting teens experience the consequences of their actions is not a very successful method.
7. Communication between parents and teens is very important according to psychologists.
8. Parents should listen to what their children have to say.
9. Telling teens off because their room is untidy is totally unnecessary.
10. Understanding that teens' rooms are their own private space is quite important.

TEEN ISSUES

Parents complain that it is difficult to live with teenagers. Then again, teenagers say exactly the same thing about their parents! According to a recent survey, the most common arguments between parents and teenagers are those regarding untidiness and household chores. On the one hand, parents go mad over untidy rooms, clothes dropped on the floor and their children's refusal to help with the housework. On the other hand, teenagers lose their patience continually when parents tell them off for dropping the towel in the bathroom, not cleaning up their room or refusing to do the shopping at the supermarket.

The survey, conducted by St George University, showed that different parents have different approaches to these problems. However, some approaches are much more successful than others. For example, those parents who yell at their teens for their untidiness, but later clear up after them, have fewer chances of changing their teens' behavior. On the contrary, those who let teenagers experience the consequences of their actions are more successful. For instance, when teenagers who don't help their parents with the shopping don't find their favourite food in the fridge, they are forced to reconsider their actions.

Psychologists say that the most important thing in parent-teen relationships is communication. Parents should talk to their teens but at the same time they should listen to what they have to say. Parents should tell their teens off when they are untidy but they should also understand that their room is their own private space. Communication is a two-way process. It is only by listening to and understanding each other that problems between parents and teens can be solved.

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B. Read the text again and complete the tasks that follow.

B1 Match 1-4 with A-D to make complete sentences. (4x1= 4 marks)

1	Communication between parents and teens	A	is not particularly successful.
2	The most common arguments between	B	what their children have to say.
3	Yelling at teens and clearing up after them	C	parents and teens are about untidiness and household chores.
4	Parents should listen to	D	is very important according to psychologists.

1	2	3	4

B2 Read the text 'TEEN ISSUES' again and write a summary about problems between teenagers and their parents and how these problems can be solved. Write about 80 words. (10 marks)

Assessment criteria		
Content:	4
Language form:	4
Organization:	2
TOTAL:	10 marks	