



TEENAGERS

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. Do/Did you enjoy being a teenager?
Yes, I do/did.... / No, I don't/didn't...
2. What are teenagers like these days?
Teenagers are...these days.
3. What impact do teenagers have on society?
Teenagers.....
4. What common problems do teenagers have these days?
I think the common problems...
5. What do you think are some important things parents can do for teenagers?
Some important things that parents can do....

Extended Questions

1. What would the world be like if it was run by teenagers?
I think the world would be...
2. Why is it that teenagers want to rebel so much?
Teenagers want to rebel because...
3. Would you like your children to do the same things you did when you were a teenager?
Yes, I would... / No, I wouldn't...
4. What are teenagers into in your country these days?
Teenagers are into...

VOCABULARIES

1. **Juvenile** /'dʒu:vəˌnaɪl/
(adjective) Relating to a young person who is not yet old enough to be considered an adult.
Ex.: He studied both adult and juvenile crime.
2. **Rebellious** /rəˈbel.jəs/
(adjective) having strong feelings of disagreement with people in authority, an organization, or a government, esp. showing such feelings through force
Ex.: She used to be a rebellious teenager.
3. **Mature** /məˈtʃʊr/
(adjective) completely grown
Ex.: She looked completely mature in her outfit.
4. **Innocent** /ˈɪn.ə.sənt/
(adjective) not guilty of a particular crime, or having no knowledge of the unpleasant and evil things in life, or (of words or an action) not intended to cause harm
Ex.: He pleaded innocent to all charges against him.

5. Puberty /'pju·bər·tj/

(noun) the stage in a person's life when the person develops from a child into an adult because of changes in the body that make the person able to have children

Ex.: Jonathan had reached puberty in full rebellion.

Useful Expressions

1. eat (one's) young - To neglect, betray, or harshly criticize members of a group that are of a lower status or position.

Ex.: The more experienced nursing staff has been accused of eating their young, treating trainees and new nurses with sometimes intolerable contempt

2. an old head on young shoulders - a child or young person who thinks and talks like an older person who has more experience of life.

Ex.: My little nephew said people who dislike other people don't like themselves very much. That's an old head on young shoulders.

3. (The) good die young - Good people tend to die at an early age

Ex.: They always say that the good die young.

4. not as young as one used to be - getting old

Ex.: Aunt Lila isn't as young as she used to be

5. young at heart - having a youthful spirit no matter what one's age.

Ex.: She loves carnivals and fairs; she's a grandmother but she's young at heart.