

# FD13 TEENAGERS

## BEGINNER



Note: Choose 10 appropriate discussion questions for beginners from the list below.

1. Did you enjoy your life as a teenager?
2. What is your best memory of your teenage years?
3. What activities are popular among teenagers in your country these days?
4. Do you like teenage fashion?
5. Should teenagers work?
6. What skills should schools teach to teenagers?
7. Is it okay for a teenager to have a girlfriend/boyfriend?
8. What problems do teenagers usually have?
9. Who is your favorite teenage star?
10. Do you want to be a teenager again?

## INTERMEDIATE



Note: Choose 10 appropriate discussion questions for the intermediate level from the list below.

1. What is it like to be a teenager in your society?
2. What do you think about teenagers who dye their hair blue, green, or another unusual colour?
3. What would you do if your teenage son or daughter got a tattoo?
4. Should teenagers be allowed to smoke/drink/drive?
5. Do teenagers in your country have problems with drugs?
6. How common is teenage pregnancy in your country?
7. What is the most important thing that parents could do for their teenage children?
8. Do you think teenagers today have it "too easy?"
9. Can teens change the world?
10. If you could be a teenager again, would you do anything differently?

## ADVANCED



Note: Choose 10 appropriate discussion questions for the advanced level from the list below.

1. Name some good role models for teenagers.
2. What were your best experiences and accomplishments as a teenager?
3. What type of punishment did your parents and teachers use when you were a teenager?
4. Do you think it is a good idea to give teenagers a lot of freedom?
5. Should teenagers be allowed to get married/vote?
6. Do you think advertising plays a significant role in how teenagers think?
7. How do you feel about swearing? Does it matter if teenagers sometimes use bad language?
8. What can society do to keep teenagers away from drugs and alcohol?
9. Is teenage suicide a problem in your country?
10. If you could meet any influential teenager in the world, who would it be?

More Discussion Questions:

- Do you think teenagers today should show more respect to adults (teachers, parents, etc.)?

- What do you think about teenagers who dye their hair blue, green, or another crazy colour?
- Do you think that wearing uniforms to school is a good idea?
- What type of punishment did your parents use when you were a teenager?
- At what age should teenagers leave home?
- At what age did you leave home?
- What would you do if your teenage son or daughter got a tattoo?
- What would you do if your teenage son or daughter shaved his or her head?
- How do you feel about swearing? Does it matter if teenagers sometimes use bad language?
- What do you think about rock videos today?
- What do you think parents can do to help teenagers avoid depression?
- Do you believe in anti-depression drugs?
- Do you think teenagers today have it 'too easy'?
- Did you have a good relationship with your parents? Why or why not?
- Do you think it's a good idea to give teenagers a lot of freedom? (example: come home when you like)
- Do teenagers in your country have problems with drugs or alcohol?
- What can you do to keep your teenager away from drugs and alcohol?
- Is teenage suicide a problem?
- What is the most important thing a parent can do for a teenager?
- Why do you think some teenagers do good things and others (in the same family often) do bad things?
- At what age should a teenage girl have her first serious boyfriend?
- How old were you when you had your first serious relationship?
- What can society do to help teenagers who have problems at home?
- Are there more pregnant teenage girls in Canada and the U.S. than in your country? Why?
- What is the best advice you could give to a teenager growing up in this culture?
- Do you think that advertising plays an important role in how teenagers think?
- Should teenagers work? why or why not?
- Did you work when you were a teenager?
- If you could be a teenager again, would you do anything differently?
- Do you think it is better to raise teenagers in the city, a small town, or the country?
- What is it like to be a teenager in your society?