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Level 2

Today's teenagers growing up more slowly

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THE READING

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A study says today's teenagers are growing up more slowly than before. Researchers looked at data on the behaviour of 8 million teens in seven different countries over the past 40 years. They said that compared to teenagers from the 70s, 80s and 90s, today's teens, "are taking longer to engage in both the pleasures and the responsibilities of adulthood". A professor said: "The whole developmental pathway has slowed down." She said today's 18-year-olds are more like how 15-year-olds used to be. She said teenagers are taking a lot fewer risks than they did before.

Today's teenagers are taking longer to do things their parents did. They are older when they date, less likely to work part-time, and less likely to drive. The professor said they have a "slow life strategy". More teenagers are living with their parents instead of renting their own room. One of the reasons for this behaviour is how much time teenagers spend online. The Internet is keeping teens on social media, looking at videos or playing games instead of living in the "real world". Another reason is parents do too much for their children and protect them too much.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--|----------------------|
| 1. Researchers looked at | a. past 40 years |
| 2. the behaviour of | b. used to be |
| 3. seven different countries over the | c. of adulthood |
| 4. teenagers from the | d. a lot fewer risks |
| 5. the responsibilities | e. data |
| 6. The whole developmental pathway has | f. 80s and 90s |
| 7. more like how 15-year-olds | g. slowed down |
| 8. teenagers are taking | h. 8 million teens |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. less | a. on social media |
| 2. they have a slow life | b. own room |
| 3. renting their | c. much |
| 4. how much time teenagers | d. likely to work |
| 5. The Internet is keeping teens | e. for their children |
| 6. instead of living in the | f. spend online |
| 7. parents do too much | g. strategy |
| 8. protect them too | h. "real world" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ teenagers are growing up more slowly than before. Researchers (2) _____ on the behaviour of 8 million teens in seven different countries over the past 40 years. They said that (3) _____ teenagers from the 70s, 80s and 90s, today's teens, "are taking longer to engage (4) _____ pleasures and the responsibilities of adulthood". A professor said: "The whole developmental pathway has slowed down." She said today's 18-year-olds (5) _____ 15-year-olds used to be. She said teenagers are taking a lot (6) _____ they did before.

Today's teenagers are taking longer (7) _____ their parents did. They (8) _____ they date, less likely to work part-time, and less likely to drive. The professor said they have a, "slow (9) _____". More teenagers are living with their parents (10) _____ their own room. One of the reasons for this behaviour is how much time teenagers spend online. The Internet (11) _____ on social media, looking at videos or playing games instead of living in the "real world". Another reason is parents do (12) _____ their children and protect them too much.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TEENAGERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about teenagers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

