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## **Level 0**

### **Today's teenagers growing up more slowly**

**21st September, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170921-teenagers-0.html>

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170921-teenagers-0.html>

Today's teenagers grow up more slowly. Researchers looked at 8 million teens over the past 40 years. Today's teens are less responsible than teenagers from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Today's 18-year-olds are like 15-year-olds used to be. Teenagers today take fewer risks than they did before.

Today's teenagers take longer to do things their parents did, like dating, working, driving, and renting their own room. A professor said they have a "slow life strategy". One reason for this is many teenagers live in the Internet and not the "real world". Another reason is parents do too many things for their children.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/09/19/teens-grow-up-slower-study/105758486/>  
<http://honey.nine.com.au/2017/09/19/07/34/teens-growing-up-more-slowly-due-to-decline-in-adult-activities>  
<https://www.metro.news/kid-you-not-teens-are-growing-up-more-slowly/750932/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. grow                   | a. 40 years           |
| 2. Researchers looked     | b. 70s, 80s and 90s   |
| 3. over the past          | c. risks              |
| 4. Today's teens are less | d. at 8 million teens |
| 5. teenagers from the     | e. before             |
| 6. like 15-year-olds used | f. responsible        |
| 7. take fewer             | g. up                 |
| 8. than they did          | h. to be              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. do things their     | a. for this        |
| 2. renting their       | b. world           |
| 3. they have a slow    | c. parents did     |
| 4. One reason          | d. many things     |
| 5. many teenagers live | e. life strategy   |
| 6. not the real        | f. reason          |
| 7. Another             | g. own room        |
| 8. parents do too      | h. in the Internet |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170921-teenagers-0.html>

Today's teenagers (1) \_\_\_\_\_ slowly.

Researchers looked at 8 million teens (2) \_\_\_\_\_

40 years. Today's teens are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ than

teenagers from the 70s, (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Today's 18-

year-olds are like 15-year-olds (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

Teenagers today take fewer risks (6) \_\_\_\_\_

before.

Today's teenagers take longer (7) \_\_\_\_\_ their

parents did, like dating, working, driving, and

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ room. A professor said they have a,

"(9) \_\_\_\_\_". One reason for

(10) \_\_\_\_\_ teenagers live in the Internet and

not the (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Another reason is parents

do too many (12) \_\_\_\_\_ children.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TEENAGERS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170921-teenagers-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170921-teenagers-0.html>

Write about **teenagers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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