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## **Level 1**

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

**21st September, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170921-teenagers-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170921-teenagers-1.html>

Today's teenagers are growing up more slowly. Researchers looked at the behaviour of 8 million teens in seven countries over the past 40 years. Today's teens are not as responsible as teenagers from the 70s, 80s and 90s. A professor said their development has slowed down. She said today's 18-year-olds are like 15-year-olds used to be. She said teenagers are taking fewer risks than they did before.

Today's teenagers take longer to do things their parents did. They are older when they date, work and drive. The professor said they have a, "slow life strategy". More teenagers live with their parents instead of renting their own room. One reason for this is teenagers spend a long time online. They use social media, look at videos or play games instead of living in the "real world". Another reason is parents do too much 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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170921-teenagers-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Researchers looked           | a. responsible      |
| 2. 8 million teens in           | b. down             |
| 3. over the                     | c. seven countries  |
| 4. Today's teens are not as     | d. fewer risks      |
| 5. teenagers from the           | e. past 40 years    |
| 6. their development has slowed | f. used to be       |
| 7. like 15-year-olds            | g. at the behaviour |
| 8. teenagers are taking         | h. 70s, 80s and 90s |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. do things their        | a. in the "real world"     |
| 2. They are older         | b. live with their parents |
| 3. More teenagers         | c. when they date          |
| 4. renting their          | d. much for their children |
| 5. teenagers spend a long | e. media                   |
| 6. social                 | f. parents did             |
| 7. instead of living      | g. time online             |
| 8. parents do too         | h. own room                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Today's teenagers take longer (7) \_\_\_\_\_ their parents did. They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ they date, work and drive. The professor said they have a, "slow (9) \_\_\_\_\_". More teenagers live with their parents instead (10) \_\_\_\_\_ own room. One reason for this is teenagers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ time online. They use social media, look at videos or play games instead of living in the "real world". Another reason is parents (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for their 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) \_\_\_\_\_

