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## Level 4

### Adolescence now lasts from 10 to 24

22nd January, 2018

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180122-adolescence-4.html>

Scientists have changed their idea of adolescence - the period when children develop into adults. It used to be around our teenage years, but now scientists say it can be between the ages of 10 and 24. Puberty once started around the age of 14, but better health means it can start four years earlier, especially in the developed world. Adolescence now ends later because we stay in education longer, and delay things like marriage, parenthood and working.

The scientists published their study in a journal. They say society needs new laws for adolescents. A researcher said: "The adoption of adult roles and responsibilities generally occurs later." They suggested extending youth support services. This could be a problem because there is a big difference in the legal age at which nations recognize adulthood. In Indonesia and Yemen it is 15, but in Singapore and Zambia, the age is 21.

Sources: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2018/01/19/scientists-prolong-adolescent-years-to-24-years-old-report-says.html>  
<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642%2818%2930022-1/fulltext>  
<http://www.newsweek.com/how-long-take-grow-doctors-say-extend-adolescence-785478>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180122-adolescence-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the period when children develop | a. teenage years      |
| 2. It used to be around our         | b. like marriage      |
| 3. Puberty once started around the  | c. into adults        |
| 4. better health means it can start | d. and working        |
| 5. especially in the developed      | e. age of 14          |
| 6. we stay in education             | f. world              |
| 7. delay things                     | g. longer             |
| 8. parenthood                       | h. four years earlier |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The scientists published their | a. later                |
| 2. society needs new              | b. and responsibilities |
| 3. The adoption of adult roles    | c. problem              |
| 4. generally occurs               | d. recognize adulthood  |
| 5. They suggested extending youth | e. study in a journal   |
| 6. This could be a                | f. difference           |
| 7. there is a big                 | g. laws for adolescents |
| 8. the legal age at which nations | h. support services     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The scientists published their study in a journal. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ needs new laws for adolescents. A researcher said: "(8) \_\_\_\_\_ adult roles and responsibilities (9) \_\_\_\_\_ later." They suggested extending youth support services. This could be a problem because there is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the legal age (11) \_\_\_\_\_ recognize adulthood. In Indonesia and Yemen it is 15, but in Singapore and Zambia, the (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ADOLESCENCE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180122-adolescence-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about adolescence 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) \_\_\_\_\_

