

Problems of the Youth



Young generation



Old generation



Problems...



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Youth means love.

Robert Browning

Youth is a period of missed opportunities.

O. Connolly

Youth is the best time to be rich and the best time to be poor.

Euripides

No young man believes he will ever die.

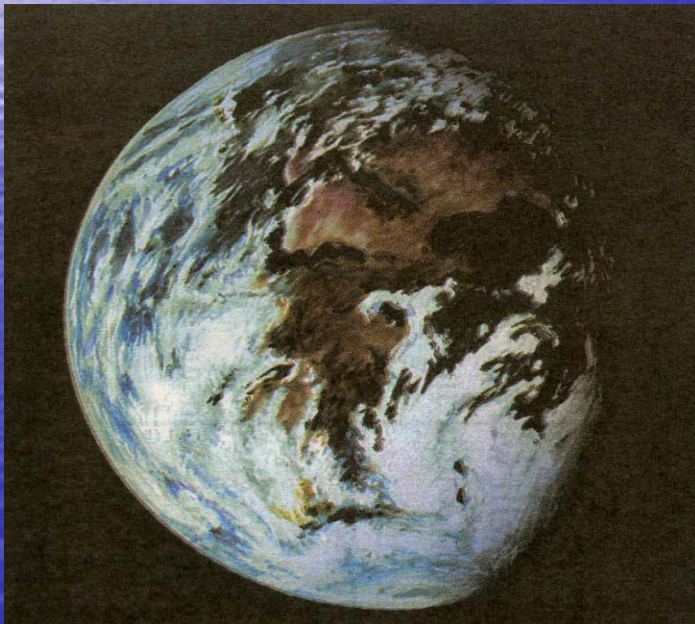
William Hazlitt

Youth is quick in feelings but weak in judgment.

Homer

Youth problems

global



personal



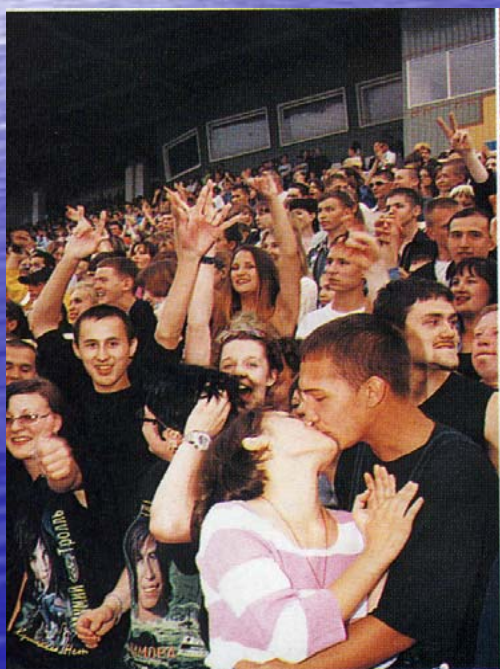
Global problems

Environ- ment	Tolerance	Industrial Develop- ment	Peace	Health
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PERSONAL PROBLEMS

Misunderstanding	Subculture	Bad Habits	Money	Education
Parents	Informal groups	Smoking	Pocket	Should I?
Boy/ girlfriend	Clothes	Drugs	Fashion	Where?
Teachers	Fashion	Drinking alcohol (beer)	Clothes	State of private?
Peers	Appearance	Health		Fee ?
	Positive or negative ?	Toxicomania		



Job	Leisure time Free time	Communication	Love
Search	Hobby	Meeting	Unrequited or required
Bay	Duties	Internet	Happy or unhappy
Interesting	Interests	E-mail	
Prestige	Rest	Mobile phone	
Unemployment	Traveling	Phone	



Problems of the Youth



- Youth is a very important period in the life of man. This is the time when a person discovers the world and tries to determine the place in the universe.
- Everybody says your youth is probably the best time of young life, that being young means romance, love, new discoveries & so on. But it is also the most difficult time because you have to make some very important decisions, which will influence all your future life.
- There are many problems that young people have to face when they stop being children. Is it easy to be young? Are teenagers happy to be their age? Teenager years from some kind of between the childhood and the grown-up life. At this age all feelings and emotions are very strong, all problems seem very important.
- Things are not easy nowadays even for adults, but for teen-ages, who have to find their own place in society, it's very difficult.
- Young people face lots of problems which are very important for them and do not differ much from those that once their parents had to deal with. At the same time every generation is unique. It differs from the one that preceded it in its experience, ideals and a system of values. The adults always say that the young are not what they were. These words are repeated from generation to generation. To some extent they are true, because every new generation grows up quicker, enjoys more freedom. It is better educated and benefits from the results of the technological progress of the time.

Misunderstanding

from the parents

Each generation has a different language, and can't learn what a former generation knew until it has been translated into their words.

K.B. Hathaway

Another typical problem for most of the teen-ages is problem with their parents. Leo Tolstoy said: "All families ' are happy in the similar way and unhappy in its own way". And happiness or unhappiness of any family mostly depends on relations in it. So many families so many family relations. Each family establishes its own relations in its own way. It has its own traditions & customs & its own unwritten constitution including rights & duties of every member of the family. The level of democracy is also different in different families, which mostly depends on the viewpoints of adults usually not coinciding with a child's point of view. So the problem of misunderstanding becomes urgent. Some people call it generation gap. It as a rule sharpens as soon as a child approaches his or her difficult teens. And both sides (parents & children) should be patient & tactful & it's the only way to settle down all the problems & stay friends. Parents say that its difficult to discipline children at experts state that parents will get the best results ;they try to prevent or stop misbehavior in natural, logical & then possible fun ways. Here are some pieces of advice to help them keep their kids in line.

So, as you see, it is very difficult to be young nowadays, as, need, it always was. But. you only can be young once, & some wonderful things can happen only when you're young. So, it is be to enjoy youth while it lasts.

Misunderstanding from the teachers

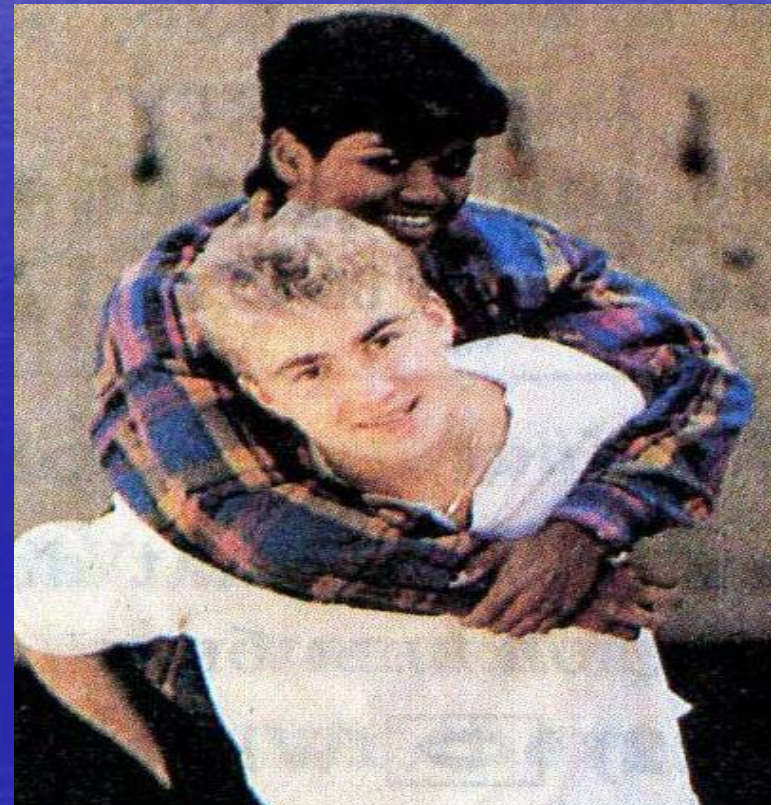
The same misunderstanding we face sometimes from the side of the teachers. They think that youth is given for studying. But a person who only studies is dull. Some teachers do not understand that youth is the time for us to learn about people and about ourselves, to play and try things. They try to keep us away from all "dangers" which make up life. But we need to be taken seriously, to meet a friendly hand. We have just become grown-ups, so young people need somebody to discuss different problems and relationships with.



Misunderstanding from the friends

Another problem that young people face today concerns their relationship with their friends. As far as friendship is concerned, I think that a person can and should have a lot of friends. He/she can be on good terms with the classmates. But at the same time there can be only two or three real friends. I believe that real friends will never betray each other. They will always understand and help each other. I agree that tolerance is the pledge of friendship. It is wonderful if a school friend will remain your friend for the rest of your life. But in this case everything depends on the person.

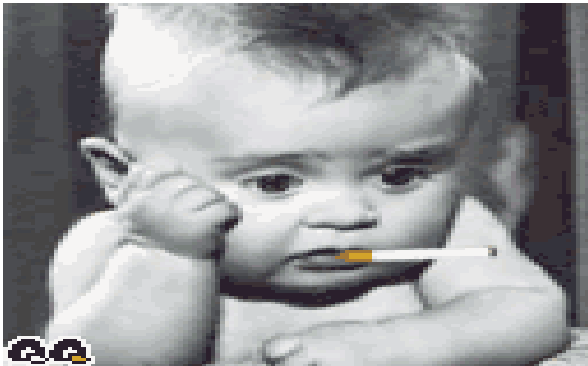
A friend in need is a friend indeed





Subculture

- As long as parents and teachers can't take teenagers seriously, they form their own social groups, which is the phenomenon called "subculture". A subculture is a cultural group within a larger culture, which includes certain methods of communication and identification. I think that the Russian culture includes many such subcultures. Teens subculture is a part of culture and it reveals itself in many features - clothes, styles of favorite music, hair-dos, way of life, opinions about life, future and education, the choice of friends and other aspects. On the one hand, teens express their individuality and their difference from children through within framework their subculture. On the other hand, many groups of teenagers follow a certain fashion which requires to wear a certain piece of clothes (like jeans, army boots, bandanas), jewelery (like earrings for boys, wattles bracelets) certain hairdos (pony-tail, shaved heads, colored or dyed hair), sometimes certain colors. It of course prevents young people from expressing their individuality. So you have to choose a subculture you want to belong to. It's not only the question of appearance. There is a certain philosophy lying in the basis of every lifestyle, every subculture. To choose a subculture to belong to one should thoroughly consider one's likes and dislikes, one's way of life and habits. There are so many subcultures to meet all demands!
- Skinheads and fascists of different types from a military-like subculture. They often wear uniforms and have military looks. Hippies, on the contrary, wear national-style clothes "to be closer to nature". They like flowers and jewelery made of leather and beads. The acid subculture is built on drugs. Metallists and bikers like black leather. Some people consider teenagers violent. They say that youth gangs control streets and have bloody fights. But I don't think that teens are violent.



Smoking problem

- For the last years in Russia a problem of children's and teenagers smoking has become especially urgent. According to experts, the army of smokers has recently reincreased considerably. About 1/3 young smokers become addicted to tobacco in the age of 10-12 years, and the most part of adult smokers-in the age of less than 18 years.

Fact: 25 % of High School students (ages 14-17) are smokers.

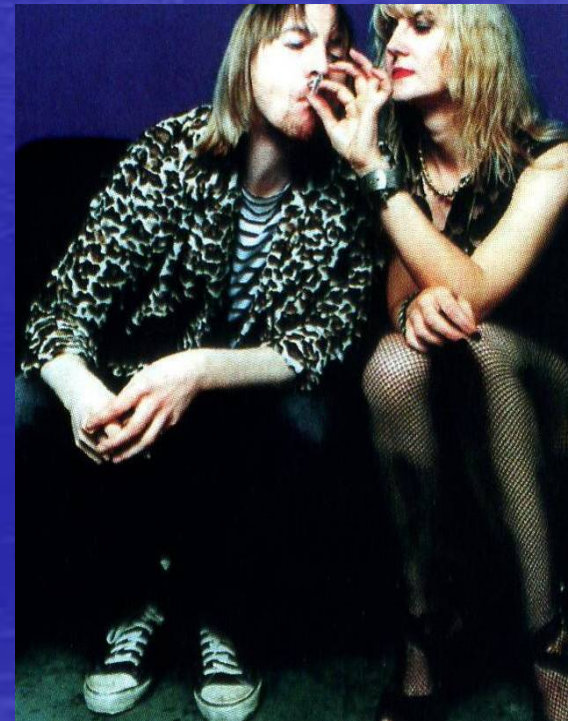
Fact: 90% of daily smokers started before the age of 18.

Fact: 2000 children become new, regular smokers every day in America, roughly one-third of them will die from smoking-caused illnesses. Many Tobacco Companies are not targeting children. Yet the facts demonstrate the need for action. The \$10 billion they spend on marketing every day in the U.S. is a huge waste.

Clearly, this is a problem and we need your help to figure out why! We need information to give to the Tobacco Free Kids program that will help them identify why kids are smoking, who gets them started, and the role that Tobacco marketing has in encouraging youth smoking.

American anti-smoking campaigners are calling for Hollywood producers to take smoking onscreen more seriously, following a damning new study of on-screen tobaccos use.

Never smoke! If you do- stop it!





Drugs problems

The typical teenager problem is drug-habit. Some young man use drugs, because they think that will be cool guys. But they don't understand that it's wrong. Some of them can't stop that, and they become dependent on drugs. And they commit different serious crimes, because they need some money to buy drugs.

Young people stand many health problems. They want to look older and more independent. They do silly things. They make up as Red Indians on the war-path. They wear articles that they don't become. They try to be fashionable-looking and have much charm. The boys try to be tough, they are self-assured. Both boys and girls begin to smoke and drink beer and other alcoholic drinks. Sometimes they begin using drugs and become addicts. I think that is terrible. Still,

I think there are many advantages of being young. When you are young, you are usually healthy, your brain works well, you can study easily what you like

JUST SAY:NO!!!



Toxicomania

Toxicomania is one of the youth problems. As you know such products as glue, butane gas, solvents are made on solvent base. That's why they can be used for sniffing and can make you feel light-headed, happy, dizzy.

Solvents are usually commercial products, like glue, nail polish remover, aerosols, gas lighter fuel and petrol, which give off a vapour.

It is not a secret that in our country number of "sniffers" is growing and has reached a tremendous index. It happens, because such substances are the most available and cheap.

Solvent use is extremely dangerous and there is a risk of suffocation. Nobody knows exactly how many children die in our country, because of solvent addiction.

Prohibit to sell solvent-based products to children under 18s.

Drinking alcohol and beer



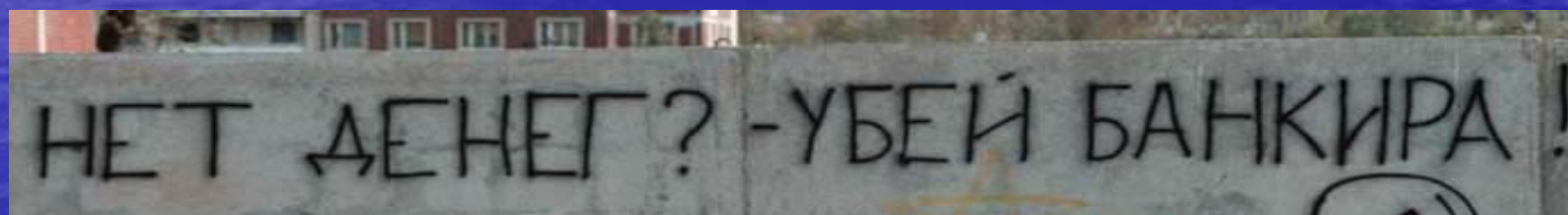
REMEMBER!!!

IT IS DANGEROUS!

MONEY!!!



The problem of money is important as well. I think, young people need to have pocket money for buying books, pens, ice-cream and so on. But I do not think it is a good idea to beg parents to give me some money. They would give much more, if they earned enough. That makes the question of money more painful. If I find a part-time job during the academic year, they will say it distracts me from studies. If I ask for money they say they spend too much on my school, clothes and other things. So, I have decided to work as a postman. I deliver advertisement newspapers, it takes me 8 hours a week and gives me about 200 roubles a month. It is not much, but it's bearable.





Problems of education



The problem of education is also very serious. There are many educational institutions at present, but the quality of training is different. Some of them are state, while others are private. Some are very difficult to enter, others are easy to enter. Some of them train specialists who can easily find a prestigious and well-paid job, others offer their graduates only poorly-paid positions. The choice of the educational institution depends on the school you study at, on your parents, on the financial conditions of the family, on your likes and dislikes. It is a great problem to find a suitable university and a profession for the rest of your life. Now it is even more important because all your life depends on your choice.



Communication problems

Communication has always been an important part of young people's lives. Today they can choose between traditional and new ways of communication. Traditionally the young meet after classes with their school friends, make parties, go to the movies or disco clubs to have fun, relax and acquire new friends. But if the young people do not like noisy clubs and other places of entertainment, they can find friends without leaving their homes — the Internet gives such an opportunity. Although this international Web Wide Web is intended for getting knowledge, only few users employ it in this way. Others use different computer programmes to chat with their friends from all over the globe. They can sit for twenty four hours staring at the monitors. Such young people do not eat, sleep, work or learn properly. Their parents think that they are doing nothing, but this is not absolutely correct. The only thing many young people are interested in is navigating through the net and checking their e-mail boxes. And it is a great problem of the present and for true. In general all the problems of the youth are linked with the present rather than with the past or future.





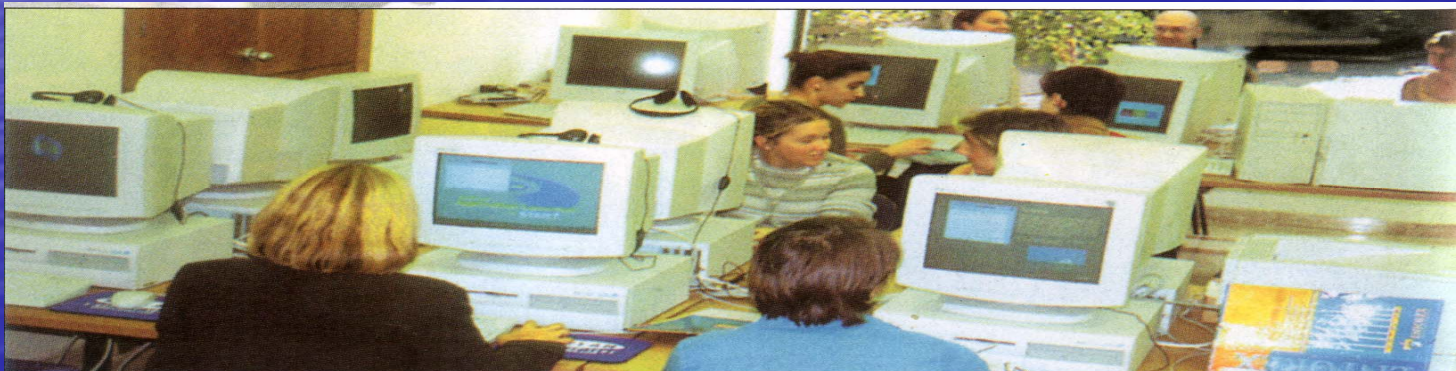
Job problems



For your future it is essential to have a good job. Every girl or boy leaving secondary school should choose an institution of higher education, or if he or she doesn't want to study any more, choose a job straight way.

- The problem of the youth unemployment is one of the most important ones. The number of the young people looking for job is constantly increasing. In Russia young people are looking for job not only for the sake of earning money, but because they want to be independent from their parents. Moreover, job gives the young people a chance to adjust themselves to the real life of adults and stir their ambitions.

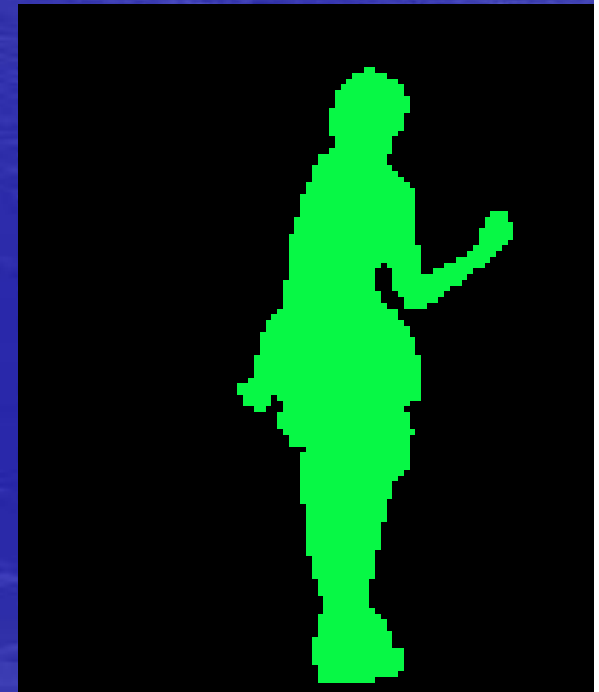
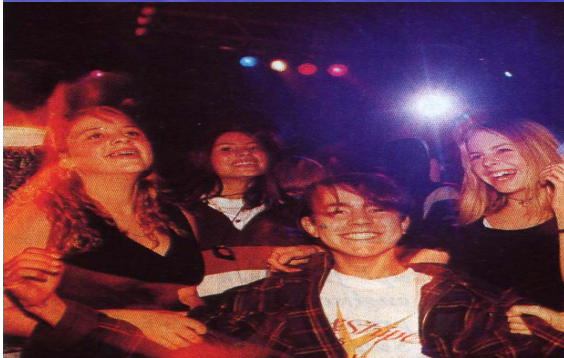
School-leavers can be part-time workers, seasonal workers, day or casual workers. In general their job is not welcomed. Very often preference is given to adult people. To ensure a balance of working groups in our society the government should work out some social employment programmers.



Problems Of free time

We also face the problem how to spend our free time. We can do it in different ways. Some of teen-ages spend their free time in different night clubs. Other young people spend their free time in the streets.

It is not easy to say exactly what teenagers in different countries do in their leisure time. I think that, in the main our interests and tastes do not dif-fer very much. They are engaged in spoils activities. They listen to their favorite music bands or take part in different concerts. Teenagers discover the world and themselves. In the main, ail young people are individualists. Youth is the time when young people work out their outlook. At the same time they need collective experience to share their dreams and interests. Teenagers unite in specific organizations





Problems of love



Youth is also the time to meet your first love. It is, of course, wonderful, but, as it is widely known that first love often has an unhappy end, this also increases young people's problems.

The problem of love is very important for young people. Today they fall in love when they reach the age of Romeo and Juliet. Romanticism and idealism very often accompany the love of the young. They can love deeply and passionately, they believe that their love will last forever. Unfortunately, often their hearts are broken. Young people are not always ready to have stable relations. In many cases they are too young and inexperienced to begin a family life.



Questionnaire

(for students)

Have you heard about global problems (in the world) on our planet? (yes/no)

What are they?

Do you have any personal problem? (yes/no)

Do you feel:

a). misunderstanding from your parents ? (yes/no)

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b). misunderstanding from your parents? (yes/no)

c). misunderstanding from your peers ? (yes/no)

Do your parents like your friends? (yes/no)

Do your parents allow you to go for a walk in the evenings?
(yes/no)

a). how often?

b). how long?

4. Do your parents give you pocket money? (yes/no)

a). how often?

b). how much?

c). How do you usually spend the pocket money?

5. Have you got any bad habit? (yes/no)

a). Do you smoke?

b). Do you take drugs?

c). Do you drink alcohol (or beer)?

6. Do you know that bad habits are harmful for your health? (yes/no)

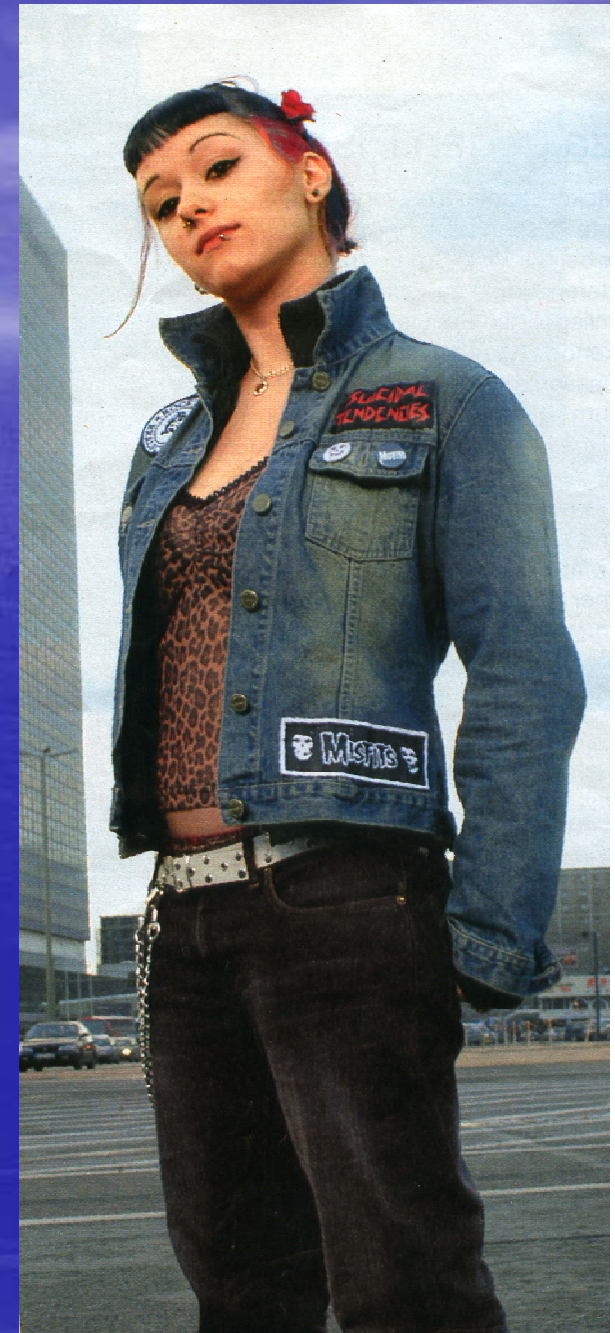
7. Do you think about your future? (yes/no)

a). What are you going to be?

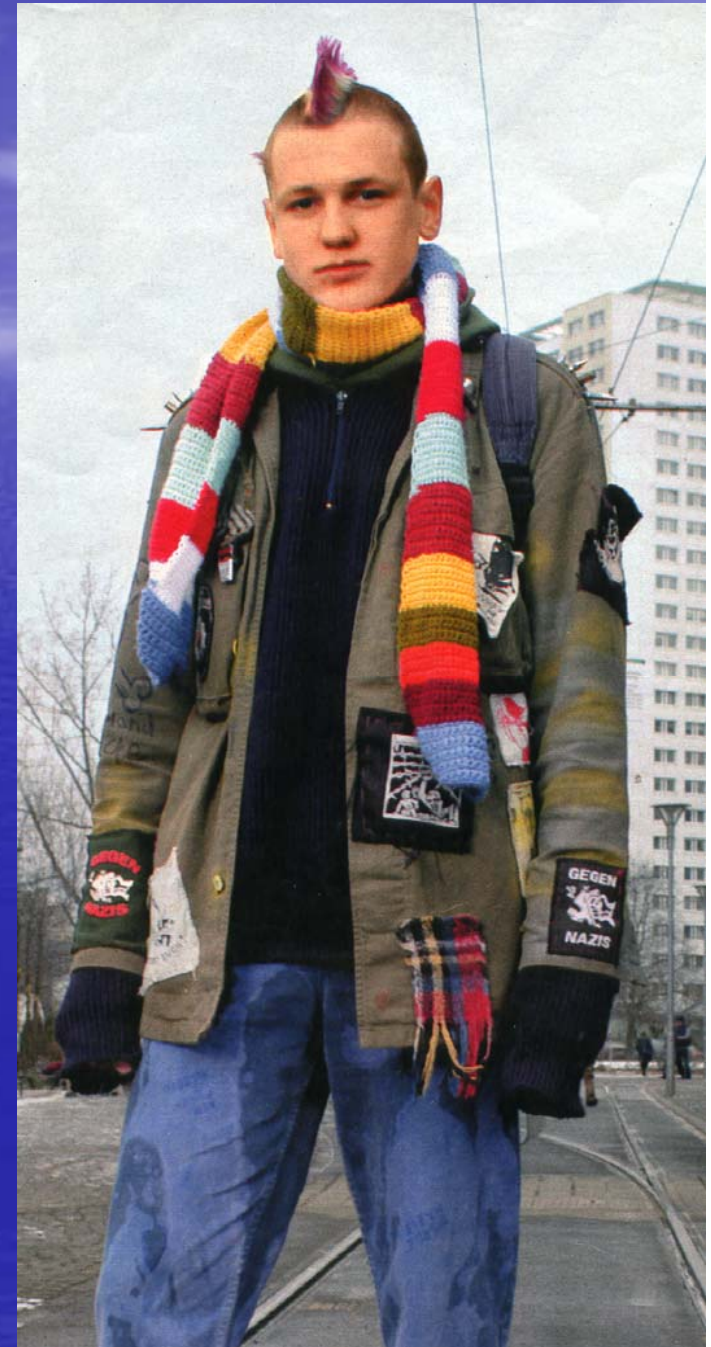
b). Do you want to get education? (yes/no)

c). Where do you want to enter?

Can you get free or paid education? (yes/no)



8. Do you have any love trouble? (yes/no)
(Have you ever fell in love?)
9. Have you got any free time? (yes/no)
- a). Where do you spend your free time ?
- b). How do you spend it?
- c). Who do you usually spend your free time with?
10. Have you got a hobby? (yes/no)
What is it?
11. Have you got duties about the house? (yes/no)
What are they?
12. Do know what "subculture" is? (yes/no)
What is your attitude to this phenomenon?
13. What means of communication with your friends
and peers do you use?
- a). Meetings
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- d). Chat
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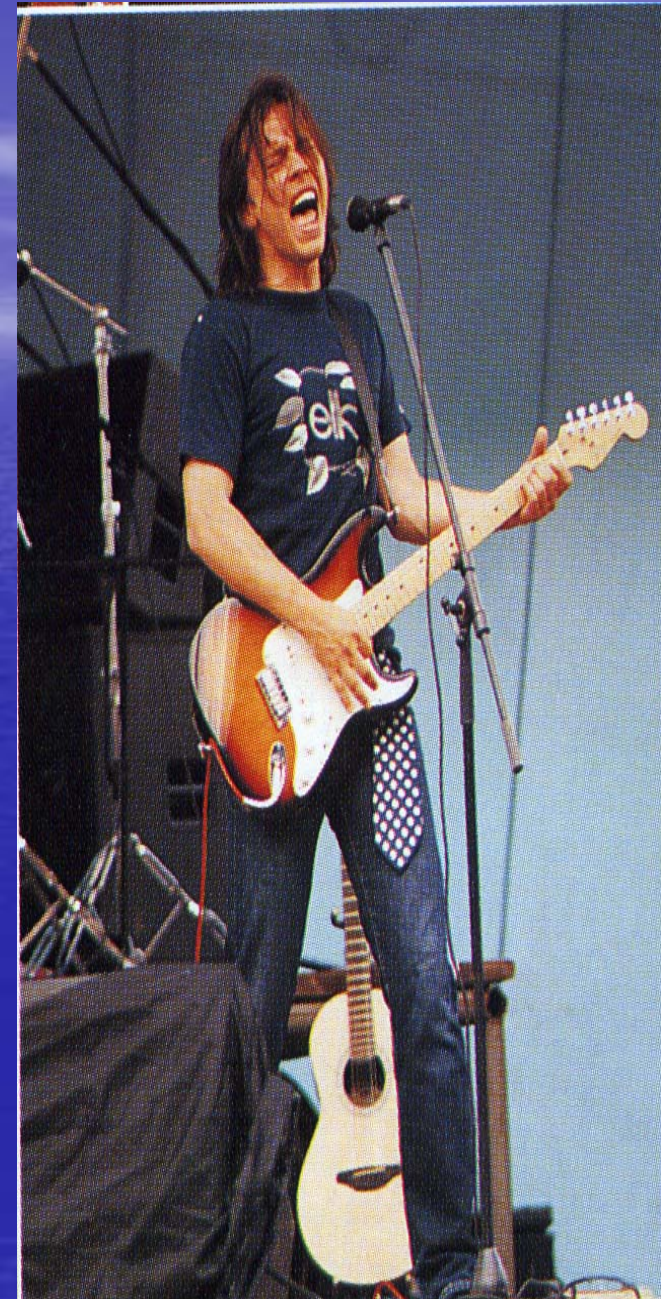
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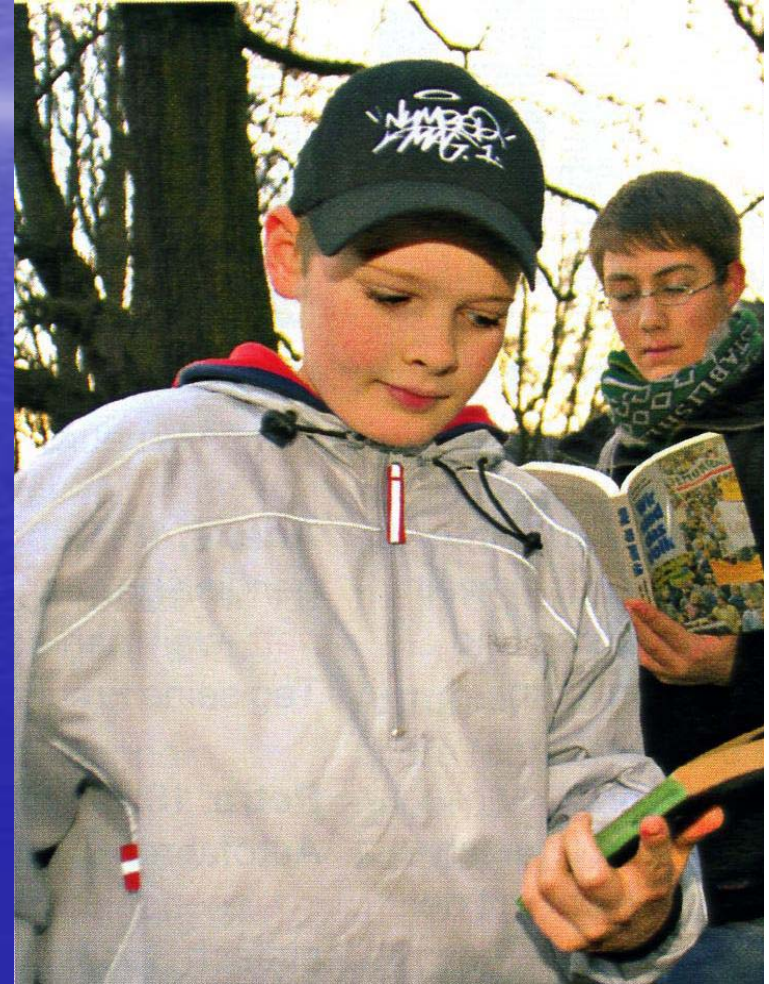
b). Did you take drugs?

c). Did you drink alcohol (or beer)?

d). Do you have any bad habit now?



6. Did you know that bad habits were harmful for your health? (yes/no)
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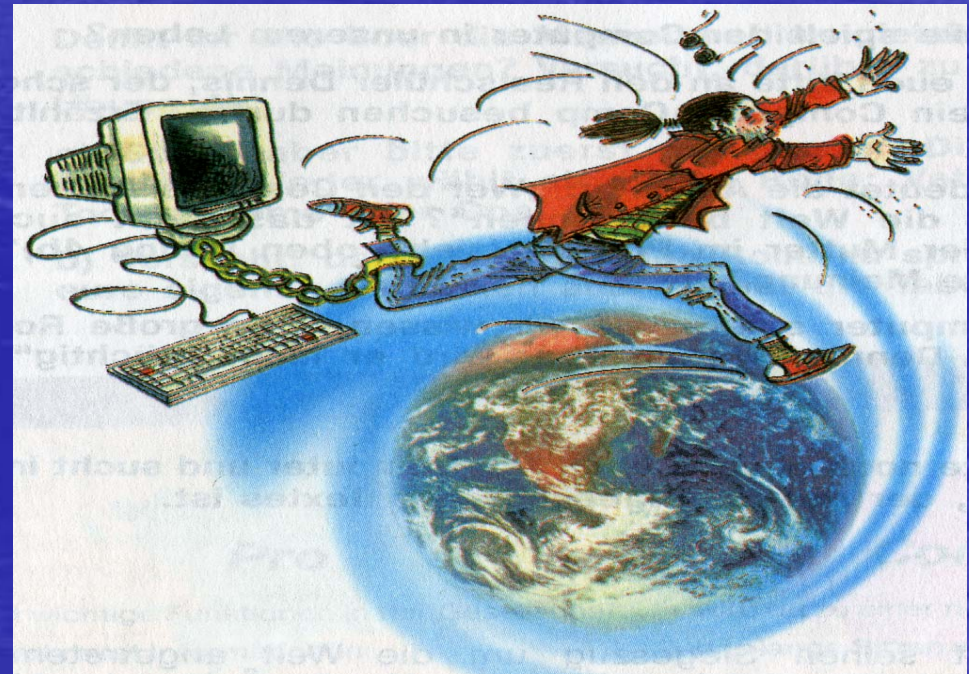
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The conclusions are:

- Our problems don't really differ much from those that once our parents had to deal with
- There are only few differences in the following points:
- We know more about global problems nowadays than our parents did
- We have more opportunities in choosing different kinds of professions than our parents had in their youth.
- We all get pocket money, but not all our parents got it once.
- In comparison with our parents we all want to get high education.



Our communication with the friends and peers is much different now. We use Internet, mobile phones, e-mail.



THE END