

## PERSONAL PRONOUNS AND POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Fill in the gaps with personal pronouns and possessive adjectives

(I, you, he, she, it, we, they; my, your, his, her, its, our, their; me, you, him, her, it, us, them).

You don't need to use all of them. The first one has been done for you.

Hey students, meet **my** best friend! \_\_\_\_\_ name is Donna and \_\_\_\_\_ is a great person. \_\_\_\_\_ lives with \_\_\_\_\_ mum Mary and dad Austin. \_\_\_\_\_ live on the first floor. Donna's brother Lenny lives on the second floor with \_\_\_\_\_ wife Maura and \_\_\_\_\_ two daughters, Mandy and Sandy. Donna loves \_\_\_\_\_ nieces very much and always plays with \_\_\_\_\_.

My best friend and \_\_\_\_\_ never fight. \_\_\_\_\_ are always honest with each other and she trusts \_\_\_\_\_. We both like \_\_\_\_\_ Music teacher, Mrs Chase. \_\_\_\_\_ is the best teacher in the world. I think Mrs Chase likes \_\_\_\_\_, too. Thank \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ attention!



## PRESENT SIMPLE

Fill in the gaps with the correct present simple form of the verbs in brackets. Don't forget to add -s or -es in 3rd person singular. The first one has been done for you.

### TEENAGERS AND THEIR PARENTS

Teenagers (or teens) are called like that because their age number ends (end) with "teen". Teenage life \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) at the age of 13, and \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) at the age of 19.

Here are a few parents who \_\_\_\_\_ (complain) about their teenage kids.

'My 14-year-old son \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) his clothes on the bedroom floor, \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) chips on the bed, \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) things... Why \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (not care) about being tidy?' The answer is in the way the teenage brain parts are connected. This \_\_\_\_\_ (mean) that very smart teenagers often \_\_\_\_\_ (do) very stupid things. Organisation \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) a high priority for most teenagers. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) other things to worry about – they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) messy because they \_\_\_\_\_ (not give) themselves enough time to tidy up before they \_\_\_\_\_ (run) off to do something else.



'My son \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) up late and \_\_\_\_\_ (not care) about school at all. ' Why \_\_\_\_\_ teenagers \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) doing their homework, and how can we motivate them to study? How many other responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (have)? Many teenagers \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games or \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) time on Tik Tok rather than \_\_\_\_\_ (do) their homework. Video games are a source of stimulation for teen brains. But their brains \_\_\_\_\_ (respond) more strongly to stress than adult brains. If teens \_\_\_\_\_ (focus) on video games too much and \_\_\_\_\_ (not talk) with real people, that becomes a problem.

## PRESENT SIMPLE

Choose the verbs and put them in the correct form in the present simple. The first one has been done for you. Use each verb only once.

stay, ignore, be, look, skip, work, hang, knock, lock, argue, eat, can, need, drink;

not do, not want, not care, not know

Dear Lucy,

I am desperate and I really \_\_\_\_\_ what to do with my daughter Sarah.

She \_\_\_\_\_ to study, her room \_\_\_\_\_ horrible and she \_\_\_\_\_ out with strange people. She \_\_\_\_\_ about her health at all.

She \_\_\_\_\_ junk food and \_\_\_\_\_ energy drinks. She \_\_\_\_\_ in bed long and \_\_\_\_\_ exercise. Every morning she \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.

My husband \_\_\_\_\_ a lot and he can't do anything to change her bad habits.

I am miserable because Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ with me all the time.

Her little sister Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ on her door to play with her, but she \_\_\_\_\_ herself in and completely \_\_\_\_\_ everybody.

What \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ to do? \_\_\_\_\_ you help me?

Debra, a depressed mom 😞



## ADVERBS OF MANNER

Use the correct adverb of manner. The first one has been done for you.

Parents say that teenagers:

Ex. listen to music loudly. (loud);

- don't speak to elderly people \_\_\_\_\_ (polite);
- don't behave \_\_\_\_\_ (good) at family gatherings;
- don't dress \_\_\_\_\_ (smart);
- don't eat \_\_\_\_\_ (healthy);
- come to school \_\_\_\_\_ (late);

- don't study \_\_\_\_\_ (hard);
- don't listen to teachers \_\_\_\_\_ (careful);
- don't exercise \_\_\_\_\_ (regular);
- run \_\_\_\_\_ (slow);
- drive too \_\_\_\_\_ (fast);
- don't spend money \_\_\_\_\_ (responsible);
- grow up too \_\_\_\_\_ (quick).

## PREPOSITIONS

Fill in the gaps with the correct prepositions. The first one has been done for you.

ABOUT, AT(2X), BY, FOR(2X), FROM(2X), OF(3X), ON(2X), TO(2X), ~~OUT~~, UP.

### DIDASKALEINOPHOBIA OR FEAR OF SCHOOL

A lot of kids fake sick to get out of school. But what if school is really making them sick?

There is an actual fear \_\_\_\_\_ school, called school phobia, school refusal or didaskaleinophobia. It affects 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 per cent of schoolchildren.

Dr Hartstein, a child psychologist, shared what the symptoms are, and what you can do \_\_\_\_\_ it. What causes it? Kids who are perfectionists, often suffer \_\_\_\_\_ school refusal. Kids feel pressure, maybe they have been absent \_\_\_\_\_ school because of an illness, and are concerned they won't catch \_\_\_\_\_. It could also be caused \_\_\_\_\_ trauma, such as moving house or a divorce. A child does not want to go \_\_\_\_\_ school because they want to control what is going on \_\_\_\_\_ home. Another cause of school phobia could be bullying. It can be difficult \_\_\_\_\_ a child when their friends pick \_\_\_\_\_ them. It can seem like the end \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

How can you help your child? Ask them questions like, 'What is it about school that you don't like? Is anyone bothering you \_\_\_\_\_ school?' Try to make your child tell you what is going \_\_\_\_\_. Show them that school isn't something to be afraid \_\_\_\_\_. Let them know you are there \_\_\_\_\_ them.



## ADJECTIVES \*\*\*

Change the nouns into adjectives. The first one has been done for you.

Hi, I'm Robert. I'm 15 and I am not a problematic (problem) teenager. But my parents think I'm \_\_\_\_\_ (child) and not \_\_\_\_\_. (responsibility)  
 They never let me go out with my friends. They think all of my friends are \_\_\_\_\_ (laziness) and \_\_\_\_\_. (rudeness) I have a very \_\_\_\_\_ (popularity) and \_\_\_\_\_ (attraction) girlfriend, but my parents think she isn't \_\_\_\_\_ (honesty) with me.

I also like \_\_\_\_\_ (trend), \_\_\_\_\_ (fashion) clothes, but my mom keeps buying me clothes that are very \_\_\_\_\_ (difference) from what I like.

At school, I am very \_\_\_\_\_ (hard work) and \_\_\_\_\_. (kindness)  
 I am also \_\_\_\_\_ (friend), \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) and \_\_\_\_\_ (open mind). Anything parents could wish for! I don't understand why they don't let me be more \_\_\_\_\_ (independence) I just want to be \_\_\_\_\_ ! (freedom) Right now I am \_\_\_\_\_. (desperation)

