

Answer key

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! Her name is Donna and she is a great person. She lives with her mum Mary and dad Austin. They live on the first floor. Donna's brother Lenny lives on the second floor with his wife Maura and their two daughters, Mandy and Sandy. Donna loves her nieces very much and always plays with them.

My best friend and I never fight. We are always honest with each other and she trusts me. We both like our Music teacher, Mrs Chase. She is the best teacher in the world. I think Mrs Chase likes us, too. Thank you for your 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.

Teenagers and their parents

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

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

'My son stays (stay) up late and doesn't care / does not care (not care) about school at all.' Why don't (not like) teenagers like doing their homework, and how can we motivate them to study? How many other responsibilities do they have (have)? Many teenagers play (play) video games or spend (spend) time on Tik Tok rather than do (do) their homework. Video games are a source of stimulation for teen brains. But their brains respond (respond) more strongly to stress than adult brains. If teens focus (focus) on video games too much and don't talk/do not talk (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 don't know what to do with my daughter Sarah. She doesn't want to study, her room looks horrible and she hangs out with strange people. She doesn't care about her health at all. She eats junk food and drinks energy drinks. She stays in bed long and doesn't do exercise. Every morning she skips breakfast. My husband works a lot and he can't do anything to change her bad habits. I am miserable because Sarah argues with me all the time.

Her little sister Lisa knocks on her door to play with her, but she locks herself in and completely ignores everybody.

What do I need to do? Can 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 politely (polite);
- don't behave well (good) at family gatherings;
- don't dress smartly (smart);
- don't eat healthily (healthy);
- come to school late (late);
- don't study hard (hard);
- don't listen to teachers carefully (careful);
- don't exercise regularly (regular);
- run slowly (slow);
- drive too fast (fast);
- don't spend money responsibly (responsible);
- grow up too quickly (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 of school, called school phobia, school refusal or didaskaleinophobia. It affects 2 to 5 per cent of schoolchildren.

Dr Hartstein, a child psychologist, shared what the symptoms are, and what you can do about it. What causes it? Kids who are perfectionists, often suffer from school refusal. Kids feel pressure, maybe they have been absent from school because of an illness, and are concerned they won't catch up. It could also be caused by a trauma, such as moving house or a divorce. The child does not want to go to school because they want to control what is going on at home. Another cause of school phobia could be bullying. It can be difficult for a child when their friends pick on them. It can seem like the end of 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 at school?' Try to make your child tell you what is going on. Show them that school isn't something to be afraid of. Let them know you are there for 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 childish (child) and not responsible (responsibility). They never let me go out with my friends. They think all of my friends are lazy (laziness) and rude (rudeness). I have a very (popularity) popular and attractive (attraction) girlfriend, but my parents think she isn't honest (honesty) with me.

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

At school, I am very hard-working (hard work) and kind (kindness). I am also friendly (friend), chatty (chat) and open-minded (open mind). Anything parents could wish for! I don't understand why they don't let me be more independent (independence). I just want to be free (freedom)! Right now I am desperate (desparation). ☹️