

Chat Room for Teens 2

includes more than 500 questions

- that are related to teenage concerns
- that provide practical, interesting vocabularies and expressions
- that are easy to apply in any situation

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Introduction

The Chat Room is a wonderful invention. It allows users instantly to communicate freely, and for free, with anyone in the world. They can talk about any subject they care to, and express their opinion in any way they like. They can even be in contact with many people at once. The Chat Room has indeed revolutionized global communication.

CHAT ROOM FOR TEENS operates in much the same way. English learners are encouraged to express themselves freely on a wide range of relevant topics. Many thought-provoking questions and examples are given to spur independent language usage. There are no specifically "right" or "wrong" answers, so there is no need for users to be intimidated — any more than if they were discussing the same topics in their own language instead of English. And this natural, interesting teaching method will build confidence as well as competence, helping the learners to master a skill that will have countless applications — social as well as commercial — around the world, for the rest of their lives.

English, after all, is actually Earthlish — if Dutch, Korean, Saudi, and Brazilian colleagues meet together in Moscow, they will undoubtedly talk to each other in English. And the ones who are best able to express themselves accurately and effortlessly will have a tremendous advantage over their less-talented fellows. Promoting this skill and facility in English is the goal and purpose of the entire line of LIS Korea books, from EXPRESS YOURSELF to TEEN TALK to any of the other fine publications by this thoughtful, progressive company.

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LESSON 11 Happy New Year!

— Warm-up Dialog —

Resolve Is Good

Barbara : New Year's Day is only a week away. Can you believe it, Bob?

Robert : It's hard to believe, Babs, but it's true. Another year is almost gone.

Barbara : Do you remember the New Year Resolutions you made last year?

Robert : Not really. I think I forgot them as soon as I made them.

Barbara : Well, I remember mine. And some of them actually came to pass.

Robert : Such as?

Barbara : Well, I said I would study harder. And my grades got better as a result.

Robert : Well, congratulations.
But I remember
one of your resolutions
that you didn't keep.

Barbara : Which one is that?

Robert : I remember you said that
you'd try to be kinder to
your brother. But I think
you're just as mean to me
as you've ever been.

*As life goes by, time seems to speed up.
A month is like an hour, a year like a day.*



Barbara : That's because you're such a rotten kid. Nobody could be kind to someone as bad as you.

Robert : That's exactly what I mean!

Barbara : But, seriously, what about this year? Are you making any resolutions?

Robert : Well, every year I promise to get more exercise and stop watching so much TV. So, I guess I'll try again this year.

Barbara : Well, good luck.

Robert : What about you? What is your new year's resolution?

Barbara : I'm going to try to do a better job keeping my promises.

Robert : That sounds like a good idea. You can start by promising to be nicer to me!

● Questions

1. Do you usually make new year's resolutions?
2. Do you make them by yourself or with the help of your parents or friends?
3. Make your next list of new year's resolutions now.

Pictures



- Q1: Do you feel happy when a new year begins? Why or why not?
- Q2: What do you do on the first day of January?
- Q3: Do you get a present from your parents? Or any special pocket money?

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- Q1: Do you think time passes too fast? What makes you think so?
- Q2: Do your parents say time is passing too fast or too slow? Does age make a difference?
- Q3: Do you want to grow up soon? Why or why not?



- Q1: What were your most important new year's resolutions this year?
- Q2: Do you always keep your resolutions? Why or why not?
- Q3: What happens if you fail to keep them?

4. Q1: What were your parents' new year's resolutions this year?
- Q2: Do you know if they kept them? What happened?
- Q3: Why do you think it is usually hard to keep these resolutions?



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- Q1: Do you like the teacher's resolutions? Why or why not?
- Q2: What would you like your teachers to do for you and your friends?
- Q3: Do you think your teachers really love you? Explain in detail.

6. Q1: What's the main difference between last year and this year?
- Q2: Do you think you have a better understanding of your friends and family?
- Q3: Do you feel more responsible towards your family and yourself?



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Answer Me

• 1 Negotiating a Raise

Randy : Hi, Mom. I want to talk to you about something important.

Mother : Certainly, son. What's on your mind?

Randy : Well, I think I need a bigger allowance.

Mother : Why? Don't you get enough?

Randy : It's okay, I guess. But I think I should get more because it's a new year.

Mother : Is that the only reason?

Randy : I guess so. But it's a pretty good reason!

Mother : Do you think your dad and I get a raise every year? Just because it's a new year?

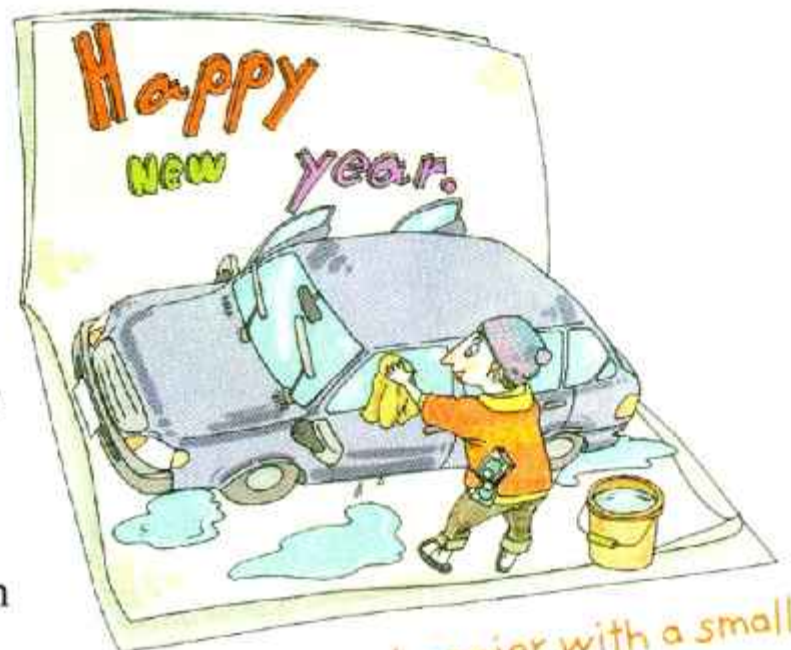
Randy : I don't know. But you should!

Mother : Are you willing to do more work around the house? Help with chores?

Randy : Sure!

Mother : OK, I'll discuss it with your father when he comes home. We'll see what he says.

Randy : I'm sure he'll agree if you tell him you think it's a good idea.



Maybe I was happier with a small allowance and more free time.

• Questions

1. Do your parents increase your allowance every year?
2. Do you think you deserve a raise every year? Even if your own responsibilities remain the same?
3. What do you think a fair allowance would be for someone your age?

• 2 Overdoing It?

- Mom : Charles, I think you're doing a wonderful job at school!
- Charles : Thanks, Mom. But it isn't any better than usual. What's up?
- Mom : I know I complain a lot when you do something wrong, so I decided that one of my new year's resolutions is to compliment you more. I don't want you to think I don't appreciate your accomplishments.
- Charles : I don't think that.
- Mom : I know you don't. You're so thoughtful!
- Charles : I'm glad you think so.
- Mom : And so appreciative!
- Charles : Thanks, Mom. But it's kind of embarrassing when you act this way.
- Mom : So humble!
- Charles : Mom! Cut it out! I like it better when you're acting normal.
- Mom : Don't you like compliments?
- Charles : Sure, if I do something to deserve them. But not every second!



• Questions

1. Do you think adults usually keep their resolutions?
2. When do your parents praise you? When do they criticize you?
3. How do you feel when they complain about you? Do you ever think you deserve it?