

Chat Room for Teens 3

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 21 I Don't Understand Adults

Warm-up Dialog

Just Checking

Joanna : Dad, do you really love me?

Dad : Of course I do! Don't you think that's a silly question?

Joanna : It's always a good idea to be sure about other people's feelings. One can never be too careful, you know.

Dad : Have I ever let you down? Didn't I go to your piano recital last month, even though I had to postpone a project at work?

Joanna : Of course you did! And you told me that my performance was very good.

Dad : Of course it was. You practiced very hard.

Joanna : And you've always supported me when I wanted to play football.

Dad : You could be a wonderful striker if you were just a little bit faster. But you're still young. I'm sure you

You told me you'd love me unconditionally.



Yes, I love you. But I don't love these grades.

will be the best player on your team before you graduate.

Joanna : Thanks. I need that boost of confidence.

Dad : That's what dads are for. Your mom and I love you no matter what. You know that, don't you?

Joanna : I sure hope so!

Dad : What's this all about?

Joanna : My grades are not so hot this time, and before I gave you my report card I just wanted to make sure you loved me unconditionally, not only when I'm doing well.

• Questions

1. In what ways does Joanna's father support her?
2. What abilities does she have?
3. What is she concerned about?

Pictures



- Q1: Does your dad often come home late? What about your mom?
- Q2: Do you want your dad to come home earlier? Why or why not?
- Q3: What does your mom say when your dad comes home late?

- 2.
- Q1: Does your dad smoke? Does he sometimes smoke indoors?
- Q2: What do you think about smoking?
- Q3: Do you know anyone who has ever tried to quit smoking? What happened? Did that person succeed?



3.



- Q1: How often do your parents drink? With whom?
- Q2: Why do adults drink alcohol? Why are kids discouraged from drinking?
- Q3: Have your parents ever driven when drunk? What happened?

- 4.
- Q1: Do you believe them when adults say, "I will always love you"?
 - Q2: Do you believe it when they say, "I'm too busy"?
 - Q3: Do you believe them telling you, "I forgot"?



- Q1: Do your parents ever gossip? If so, about what?
- Q2: Do you think gossiping is good or bad?
- Q3: Do kids gossip? About what?

- 6.
- Q1: What do your parents do on weekends?
 - Q2: Many parents mainly just watch TV and sleep on weekends. What do you think about that?
 - Q3: What would you like your parents to do on weekends?



LESSON 21 I Don't Understand Adults

Answer Me

• 1 Inconsistency

Dad : I don't understand how you got in trouble at school.

Mavra : I'm sorry. I just wanted to come home early, that's all.

Dad : But you know what the rules are! You should obey them.

Mavra : Dad! Watch out!

Dad : What's wrong?

Mavra : You just ran a red light!

Dad : I know. But there wasn't anyone coming.

Mavra : But you know what the rules are. You should obey them!



• Questions

1. Do your parents usually obey traffic laws? If not, which ones do they break?
2. Do you understand why some people break the law? Are they ever justified?
3. Why should we obey the law? Are there some times when we should not?

• 2 Like Father, Like Child

Patsy : Dad, I need some new make-up.

Dad : OK. How much money do you need? Is this enough?

Patsy : No. I need at least twice that much.

Dad : What? Isn't that an awful lot of money for make-up?

Patsy : Well, I could get something cheaper, but it wouldn't look as good, and it wouldn't be as healthy on my skin.

Dad : You need to learn how to be more frugal. Just because something costs a lot more doesn't mean it's actually better.

Patsy : But don't you always wear expensive tailored suits instead of clothes off the rack?

Dad : Well, yes, but I need to look sharp. I need to make a good impression on my clients.

Patsy : OK. But why did you buy a sedan last month instead of a compact? That's not for business reasons, is it?

In my line of work I need a nice car.



But I'm a girl! In my line of work, I need to look as good as I can.

• Questions

1. Are your parents "stingy" or "wasteful"? How about you?
2. Does your family drive a sedan or a compact? Why?
3. Do your parents usually wear expensive clothes? Where do they get them?