**I. Read Patrick’s opinion about young people’s problems:**

**a) while reading find the correct meaning of highlighted words in the box below:**

Hi! I’m Patrick. I’m 20 years old. I’m teenager and at this age I start a new adult life. I get more and more freedom. I can go to parties, discos, cafes and have a lot of fun with my friends. This is the best time for romance, love, new discoveries and so on. In ***youth*** young people start ***dating***. It’s really ***cool***. But I have to remember that the morals and ***beliefs***, range of interests, education, health and habits are all laid in childhood and youth, the personality is shaped.

Youth is a time when I am finding my place in the world. Regrettably this period is usually associated with problems: young people 'struggle' to fit themselves into society. Difficult decisions and ***adjustments*** face young people in today's society. They are the eternal problems of choosing a career and getting education, the problem of independence and money, the problem of ***unemployment***, the ***generation gap***, the Internet ***addiction***. Young people have many problems of emotional and personal character which may look ***silly*** and unimportant in the eyes of grown-ups but ***appear*** to be extremely important to the young. They are the problems of friendship and, as well as the problem of the first love.

Today it is fashionable to speak about teenage problems such as alcohol, ***fights***, killings and other kinds of ***violence***. A few years ago they were more problems for adults than for young people. But now violence, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), drugs and alcohol are more and more associated with youngest. In my opinion in most cases these problems are the result of our parents’ ***arguments*** and ***divorce***.

But in spite of all these problems I think that the teenage years and youth are the most wonderful years in our life.

I would like to attract your attention to my friends’ opinions about these problems.

convictions, lack of work, ridiculous, courtship, quarrels,

cruel actions, dependence, dissolution of marriage, adolescence,

misunderstanding between teenagers and adult

**b) name the problems young people face today;**

**c) to your mind is Patrick sure that:**

1. The problems facing young people are … (urgent, serious, important, awful, shocking, difficult to solve, interesting to discuss, useless to discuss).

2. Since young people have their life ambitions, they want to … (enjoy life, be independent, express their individuality, earn money, rebel against the society, reject everything, change the world for best, be taken seriously, have the right to …, have a chance to …).

3. (Misunderstanding, loneliness, parents’ inattention and indifference) … cause(s) … (family problems, personal problems, violence, aggressiveness, cruelty, drug addiction, drinking problems, Internet addiction).

4. (Teenagers themselves, parents, adults, University, the Government, friends, psychologist, psychoanalyst, psychiatrist) … can help to solve all teenagers’ problem.

**II. Match the words from the first column with their definitions from the second column:**

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| a) a mooching friend | 1) to make someone [feel](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/feel) [foolish](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/foolish) and [unimportant](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/unimportant) |
| b) an abusive treatment | 2) a person who [pretends](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/pretend) to be [your](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/your) [friend](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/friend) but is in [fact](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/fact) an [enemy](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/enemy) |
| c) a condescending friend | 3) to pass gradually into an inferior state or condition |
| d) peer | 4) cruel actions |
| e) to lapse (into) | 5) a person showing his superiority and being patronizing |
| f) to put down | 6) a person asking for or obtaining (something) without paying for it |
| g) to be attached at the hip | 7) a [person](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/person) who is the same [age](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/age) or has the same [social](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/social) [position](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/position) or the same [abilities](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/ability) as other [people](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/people) in a [group](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8C/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/group) |
| h) a frenemy | 8) to be the best friends who are always together, inseparable |