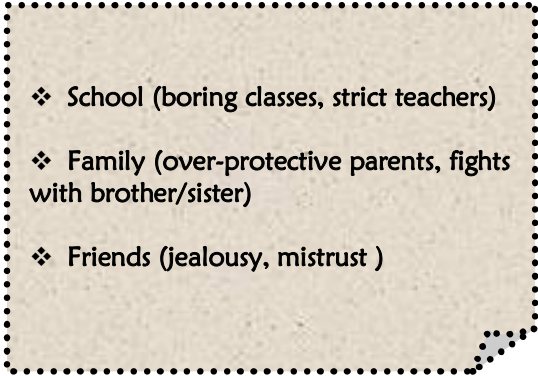


ACTIVITY B2 M2 003

You are a journalist, responsible for the agony column of the teen magazine mentioned above.
Your editor has asked you to write a **report** (100 words) **presenting** the most common **problems** teenagers refer to in your column.
The hints on the right will help you.

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- ❖ School (boring classes, strict teachers)
 - ❖ Family (over-protective parents, fights with brother/sister)
 - ❖ Friends (jealousy, mistrust)

SAMPLE ANSWER

Being a teenager is never easy. Most youngsters have to deal with various problems and feel that noone understands them. Here are some of the most famous problems teenagers face today.

Teens have to spend half of their day at school. Most classes are boring and the teachers are always strict. Teenagers have tests all the time and study really hardly to get good grades.

In addition, teenagers have several problems at home. Their parents are overprotective and want to have total control of their lives. Teens also fight with their brothers or sisters and there is much tension at home. Finally, teenagers find out that some of their friends might be jealous of them or that they can't trust them.

To sum up, young people face various challenges today and that's why we should try to understand them.

Comments: This script has fully responded to task requirements. More specifically, it has succeeded in meeting the communicative purpose (i.e., to present the most common problems teenagers face today) and the text produced is a report, as requested. The style of the script is semi-formal and its tone is neutral. In terms of text organization, the text produced is well-structured and coherent and several cohesive devices have been appropriately used (e.g., *In addition, To sum up*). In terms of sentence grammar, there are only few lexicogrammatical errors (e.g., “*some of the most famous problems*” and “*study really hardly*”) which do not impede the intended meaning. Finally, the script has exceeded the required word limit and therefore the overall mark given may be reduced by one point, although all the ideas are relevant to the assigned topic.

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