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**“Share your experiences in our community.”**  
**~Teenagers~**

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## Teenager

Definition: adolescent

Synonyms: juvenile, minor, stripling, sweet sixteen, teen, teenybopper, youngster,  
youth □

### Child

Definition: very young person

Synonyms: adolescent, ankle biter, , brat, cherub, chick, cub, descendant, infant, innocent, issue, juvenile, kid, kiddies, lamb, little angel, little darling, little doll, little one, minor, mite, nestling, newborn, nipper, nursling, offspring, preteen, progeny, small fry, sprout, squirt, stripling, suckling, tadpole, teen, teenager, teenybopper, toddler, tot, tyke, whippersnapper, young one, youngster, youth

### Girl

Definition: young female person

Synonyms: Ms, adolescent, damsel, daughter, lady, lassie, mademoiselle, schoolgirl, she, teenager, young lady, young woman

### Minor

Definition: person under legal age of maturity

Synonyms: adolescent, baby, boy, child, girl, infant, junior, juvenile, lad, little one, schoolboy, schoolgirl, teenager, underage, youngster, youth

Definition: person before the age of maturity

Synonyms: boy, chick\*, cub, fledgling, girl, junior, juvenile, juvenile delinquent, kid\*, lad, lass, pup, pupil, student, teenager, young person

### Youngster

Definition: child

Synonyms: boy, chick, cub, fledgling, girl, junior, juvenile, juvenile delinquent, kid, lad, lass, little guy, little kid, moppet, punk, pup, pupil, puppy, sapling, shaver, small fry, snot-nose kid, sonny, squirt, student, teenager, teenybopper, young adult, young person, youth

### Tot

Definition: child

Synonyms: adolescent, ankle biter, babe, baby, brat, bud, infant, innocent, issue, juvenile, kid, kiddies, lamb, little angel, little darling, little doll, little one, minor, nestling, newborn, nipper, nursling, offspring, preteen, progeny, small fry, sprout, squirt, stripling, suckling, tadpole, toddler, tyke, urchin, whippersnapper, young one, youngster, youth

## Teenagers Are Changing the World

From Susan M. Heim

My 16-year-old son, Dylan, tells everyone that one of the most amazing experiences of his life was the trip he took to Costa Rica in the summer of 2009. Most people would assume that this was a vacation-that he was, perhaps, surfing the waves! But Dylan spent almost the entire ten days of the trip building houses for local residents. It was hard, dirty work. The conditions were primitive (no hot showers or air conditioning!), and the days were long. I never thought that my typical teen-who barks at having to mow the lawn-would be willing to climb up on a hot roof every day, but he loved every minute of it! The feeling of brotherhood with his fellow workers, and the eternal and loving gratitude of the people he was helping, made this an unforgettable experience.

Encouraging teens to do volunteer work is one of the most important things you can do for them as a parent. And the amazing thing is, once they get a taste of it, teenagers love to volunteer! In 2004, 55 percent of American teenagers volunteered-almost twice the rate of adults, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service. And students who do volunteer work actually do better in school than those who don't volunteer. Albert Schweitzer once said, "**The only ones among you who will be truly happy will be those who have sought and found how to serve.**" In fact, volunteering provides many benefits for teens, including increased self-esteem, a feeling of being valued, the opportunity to meet new people, the acquisition of valuable new skills, and a lifetime of wonderful memories and experiences.

Volunteer opportunities for adolescents aren't difficult to find. Some organizations may have age restrictions if the job involves a certain amount of risk, but opportunities abound for all ages! My kids have also found volunteer opportunities through the Parks and Recreation Department, hospitals, nature centers, libraries, children's museums, community and teen centers, and just through word of mouth. My 13-year-old had a great time as a volunteer at a boat show, which raised funds for charity. Don't be afraid to ask around. Most people jump at the chance to put a volunteer to work!

**When teenagers learn to serve others, they become empowered. They grow up knowing that they can make a difference in the world.** Just imagine what this kind of attitude can accomplish when our adolescents are soon the leaders of society! Making the world a better place starts by showing our kids how they can be part of impacting the future through volunteering.

Each person in the group will take turns asking another one in the group the following questions or you can try to come up with your own questions to ask.

Do you think teenagers today have it 'too easy'?

What type of punishment did your parents use when you were a teenager?

What is the best advice you could give to a teenager growing up in this culture?

What do you think are the greatest problems facing the teenagers of today?

How does media affect the thinking patterns of the teenagers of today?

What do you/will you remember about being a teenager?

Among the fashion stuff that is prevalent in the world today, which do you think is the most hideous one?

Did you have a good relationship with your parents? Why or why not?

Do you think that advertising plays an important role in how teenagers think?

How do you feel about swearing? Does it matter if teenagers sometimes use bad language?

What do you think about music videos today?

What are your best memories of your teenage years?

What is the most important thing a parent can do for a teenager?

At what age should teenagers leave home?

What would you do if your teenage son or daughter got a tattoo?

What do you think parents can do to help teenagers avoid depression?

### Opinions, Preferences:

I think..., In my opinion..., I'd like to..., I'd rather..., I'd prefer..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., It is fairly certain that..., I'm convinced that..., I honestly feel that, I strongly believe that..., Without a doubt...,

### Disagreeing:

I don't think that..., Don't you think it would be better..., I don't agree, I'd prefer..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., Let's face it, The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that...

Giving Reasons and offering explanations: To start with, The reason why..., That's why..., For this reason..., That's the reason why..., Many people think..., Considering..., Allowing for the fact that..., When you consider that...

