

Teenagers and their problems (worksheet)

Activity 1

Discuss the questions in pairs and find something in common with your partner:

1. What kind of music do you like?
2. What kind of music is popular among teenagers now?
3. Who is your favourite singer?
4. What is your favourite band?
5. Have you ever heard about Jonas Blue and his song "Rise"?



Activity 2

Listen to the song and complete the lyrics:

1. Cross out extra words.
We're gonna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise 'til we fall down
They say we got no no no no bright future at all
They just wanna ke-ke-keep us out, can't hold us down anymore
We're gonna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise high 'til we fall
2. Put the lines in the correct order.
 They tryna hate hate hate
 Climb to the top with you
 But we won't change, change anything at all
 When we hit the bottom, nothin' gon' stop us
 Ya I could be talking to you
 We could be the greatest, ones who never made it
 We're gonna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise 'til we fall



3. Use pictures to complete lines.

				

They think we're just drop-outs
 Living at our mom's _____
 _____ must be so _____
 They _____ it all
 No, they don't speak our _____
 They say we're too savage, yeah
 No, no we don't give a... anymore

4. Correct the mistakes.

We're gonna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise 'til we fail
 We're gonna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise 'til we fail
 They can't speak our language
 They tell we're too savage, ya
 No, no we don't give a... more
 We're wanna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise
 We're wanna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise
 We're wanna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise
 We're gonna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise 'til we fail

5. Complete lines.

Say we're _____ no-no-no-no-no-no-nowhere
 But what they don't know know know is we don't don't _____
 We're gonna keepin' on, keepin' on going til' we can't go no _____
 We're gonna ri-ri-ri-ri-rise 'til we _____

6. Check 2, 3, 4.

Activity 3

Match the words / phrases with definitions:

1. keep somebody / something out		A. to succeed in a particular activity
2. hold somebody down		B. extremely violent, wild, or frightening
3. make something		C. to continue to do something, or to do something again and again
4. drop out		D. to not go into a place, or to stop someone or something from going into a place
5. savage		E. have no interest or emotional investment in the topic
6. keep on doing something		F. to stop going to school before finishing the course of instruction
7. not care for somebody / something		G. keep someone under strict control or severely restrict their freedom

Activity 4

Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from Activity 3. Mind the tenses.

- In war, they were _____ and cruel; for war always makes men so.
- The sign on the laboratory said 'Danger - _____'.
- She _____ asking me the same questions the whole time.
- Never give up, be brave, you can _____ it!
- He _____ of school when he was 16.
- The thief tried to run away but three officers _____ him _____.
- I have to say I _____ much _____ modern music.

Activity 5

Discuss the questions:

- What is this song about?
 - struggle to become rich and successful.
 - teenage story of never giving up.
 - youthful struggle for Millennials with older generations.



2. Do you have such difficulties with your parents as the singer does? Do you get on well with them?
3. Do they try to hold you down?
4. Do they treat you like a child?
5. Do you know anybody who dropped out? Why? Why do some student do it?
6. What does the singer mean when he says "they don't speak our language"?
7. Why do people think that teenagers are savage nowadays?
8. Are you ready to "rise until you fall"? What are you ready to do to succeed?

Activity 6

Rank teen problems and explain your choice (1-most common, 10-least common):

- stress
- depression
- bullying
- violence
- drugs and alcoholism
- low self-esteem
- relationship with friends, teachers, parents
- unfair punishment
- lack of independence
- too much homework
- not enough free time
- lack of friends
- not enough pocket money
- others

