

# Unit 1: GENERATION GAP

## Lesson: Reading (T2)



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**Activity 1** : Match ( Textbook, page 11)

Read about three situations facing teenagers. Match them with the problem a,b or c

1. I'm not happy that my parents set a time for me to come home in the evening. They expect me to be home at 9 p.m.! I wish they allowed me to stay out later, say 9.30 or 10 p.m., so I can spend more time with my friends. I have asked them many times, but they don't want to change their mind. What should I do?

b

a. Doing more housework

2. My parents don't like some of my friends just because of their appearance. They have their hair dyed in different colours and have pierced noses. However, these friends of mine are excellent students, and have always been very helpful and kind to me and other classmates. I wish my parents didn't judge them by their appearance, but got to know them better. What should I do?

c

b. Missing curfews


3. My parents often complain that I don't help enough around the house. They think that I'm not responsible. I really try my best whenever I have a chance. But when I'm too busy with a lot of homework and many extracurricular activities, it's difficult for me to find time for anything else. What should I do?

a

c. Parents' disapproval of friends



# VOCABULARY

- Curfew: /'kɜ:fju:/lệnh giới nghiêm
  - Disapproval (n) /,disə'pru:vl : sự không tán thành, sự phản đối
  - Pierce (v) /piəs/ : Xỏ (khuyên mũi, tai), đâm, chọc, chọc thủng.
  - Dye (v) /dai/ nhuộm
  - Judge (v) /dʒʌdʒ/ đánh giá
  - Extracurricular: /,ekstrəkə'rikjulə/(adj): ngoại khóa
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Parents may not like when their teenage children go out with their friends late at night.



Parents may not like their children's appearance.



Parents may complain about their children's untidiness.

Task 2. Here are some of the things teenagers and parents complain about. Tick the complaints that you hear in your family. Add more if you can.



My children dress badly and have ugly hairstyles	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children have strange friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children don't help with housework	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children don't listen to my advice	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children watch too much TV	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children don't study enough	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children spend too much time on their mobile phones and computers	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children have a lot of junk food and soft drinks	<input type="checkbox"/>



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My parents don't like my friends

My parents complain about household chores and homework

My parents criticise my appearance

My parents don't respect my privacy

My parents don't listen to my opinions

My parents always tell me what to do

My parents don't let me do what I want

My parents keep comparing me with their friends' children

My parents try to control me


My parents want me to follow in their footsteps

# Act 4. Read the text carefully. Answer the following questions.

1. Why do most parents still treat their teenage children like small kids?
2. What do children want to be and do as they grow up?
3. Why are parents concerned about the clothes their teenage children want to wear?
4. How do parents want their children to spend their free time?
5. Do all parents let their children choose a university and career?








Throughout history, there have always been conflicts between parents and their teenage children. Here are some of the main reasons and explanations.

No matter how old their teenage children are, most parents still treat them like small kids. As they try to help their children to discover the surrounding world, parents strongly believe they know what is best for their children. However, as children grow up, they want to be more independent, create their own opinions, and make their own decisions. They don't feel comfortable when their parents still keep treating them like little kids.





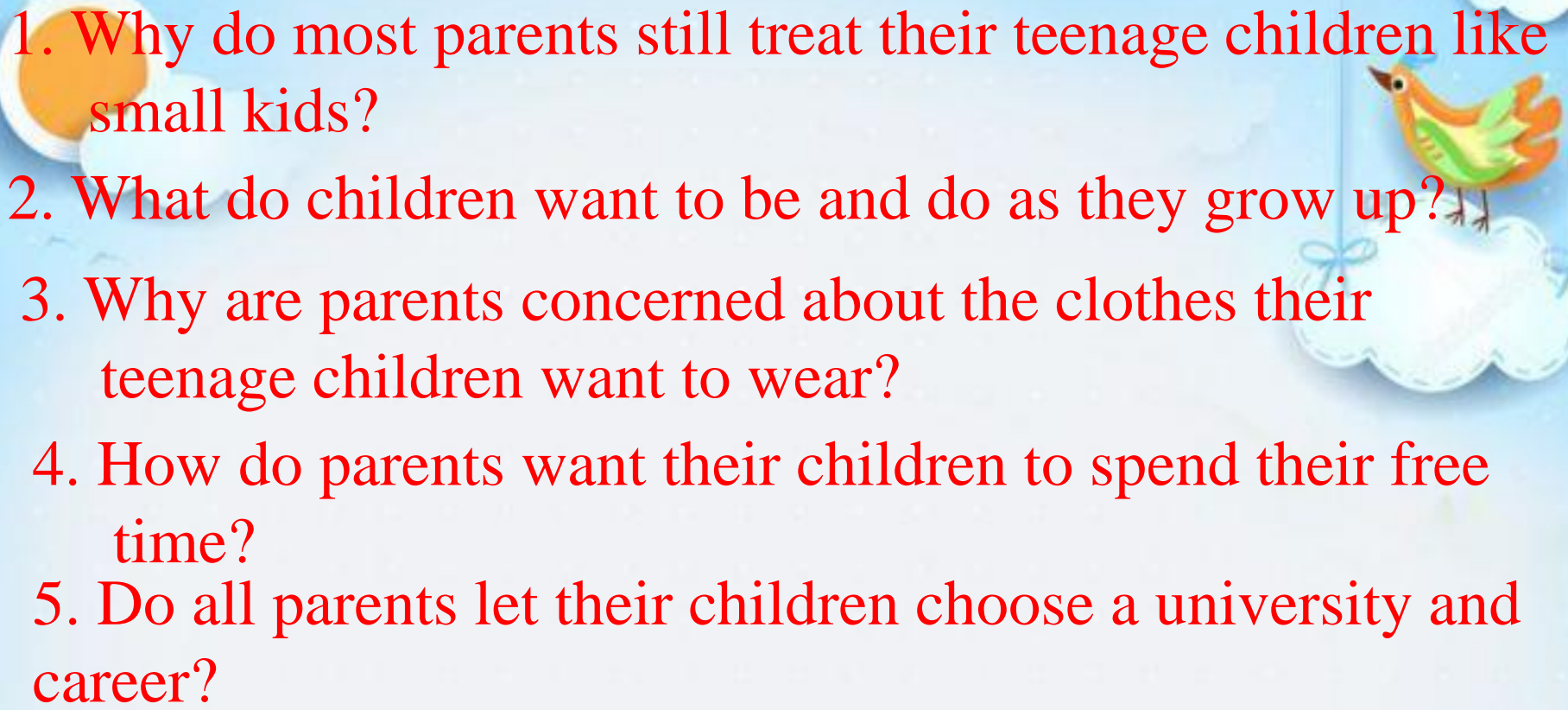
One common area of conflict is the clothes children want to wear. Parents may think that these clothes break rules and norms of society, or distract them from schoolwork. What is more, some teens want expensive brand name clothes, which can lead to a financial burden on their parents because many cannot afford the high prices.

Another source of conflict is the way children spend their free time. Parents may think that their children should spend their time in a more useful way rather than playing computer games or chatting online. But children do not always see things the way their parents do.



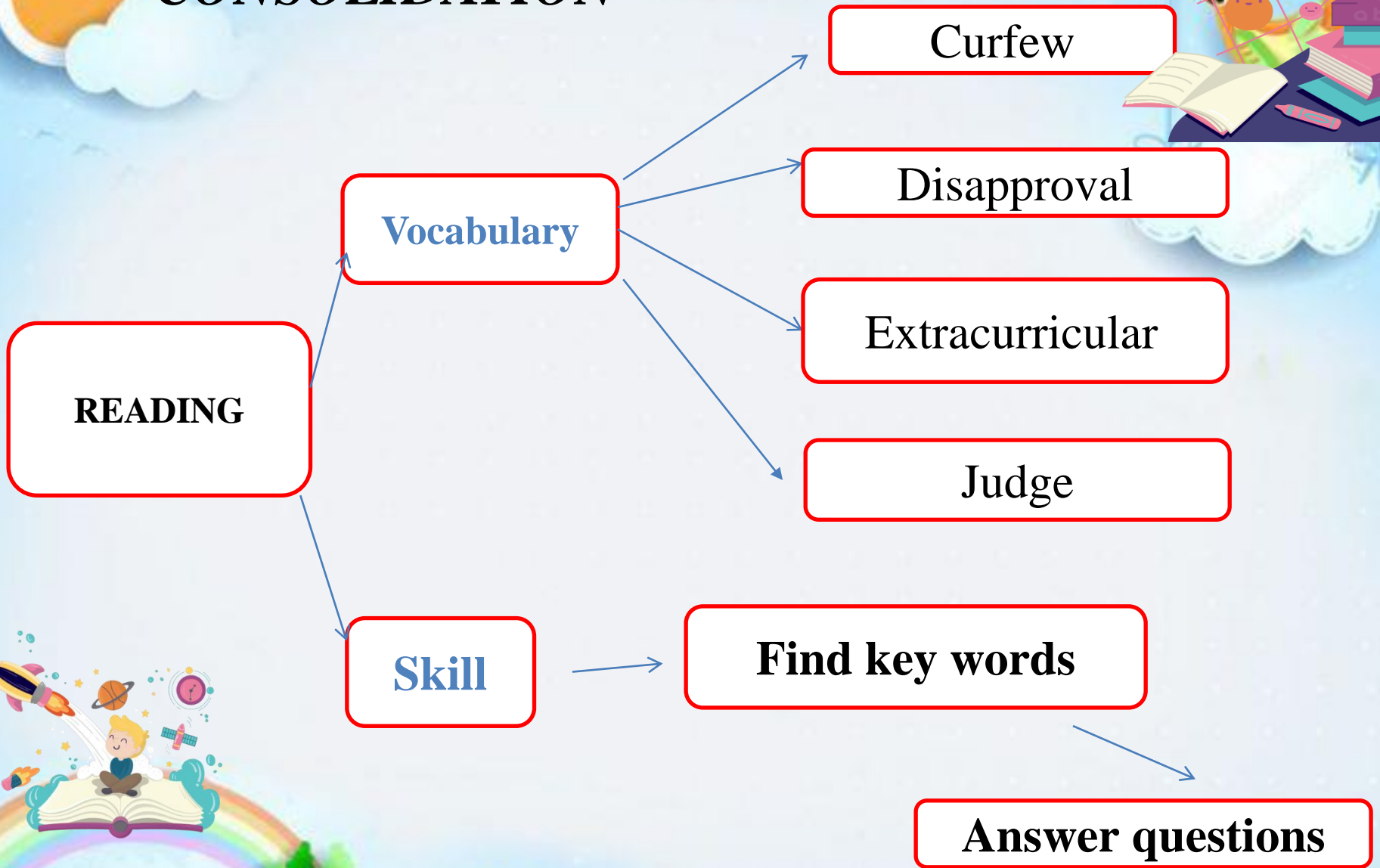


Conflicts also arise from different interests between parents and their children. Some parents may try to impose their choices of university or career on their children regardless of their children's preferences. Actually, the list of conflicts seems to be endless. Open communication can really help to create mutual trust and understanding between parents and their teenage children.

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  5. Do all parents let their children choose a university and career?

13. Because they are worried by the fact that the clothes they buy are a waste of money. They want to be independent and make their own decisions. They want to be part of the modern society, or distract them from schoolwork. They want to be like the other children. They want to be like the other children.

# ***CONSOLIDATION***



# Homework

## Questions and answers

1. Learn by heart newwords
2. Read the text again

