

**1.- Do you know any teenager who has tried to leave home? What happened?
Would you ever abandon your family?**

Write about **50** words.

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2.- Reading time

Parents and teenagers

Some of the problems young people have at home are caused by sheer lack of dialogue--- children don't talk, parents don't talk and conflicts explode when you least expect them... Clothes seem to be one of the causes of these quarrels. Either you want to buy too expensive ones , or you look like a tramp---parents want you to dress smartly and very rarely appreciate your style. Some other times it's more your behaviour that upsets your parents. In Britain today, more and more young people want to be independent and leave home between the ages of 16 and 20. Some are students; others run away to escape from their homes which are overcrowded and unhappy. They go in search of work or of a more exciting life.

Ramsey tells his story. He left a final letter :

“Mother, I won't be home this evening, so don't worry. Don't hurry to report me missing. Don't drain the canals to find me --I've decided to stay alive, don't search the woods, I'm not hiding, but simply gone ...Don't leave my shreddies out, don't circulate my photograph to society, I have disguised myself as a man and am giving priority to obscurity. It suits me fine: I have taken off my short trousers and put on long ones, and now am going out into the city; so don't worry; don't hurry to report me missing, I've rented a room without any curtains and sit behind the windows growing cold. I heard your plea on the radio this morning, you sounded sad and strangely old.”

A-read the following text very carefully in order to answer the questions on it:

	Not mentioned	True	False
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1- Young people never leave home without their parents' permission.			
2- Young people should only stay at home when they can't find anywhere to live			
3- Johnny left home because he wanted to see the world.			
4- Suicide is not in Johnny's plans.			
5- Johnny has just found a job in a supermarket but it is hard.			
6- Johnny says leaving home was the worst thing he ever did.			
7- His parents helped him to leave home.			
8- Johnny is a homeless now.			
9- Johnny lives in an empty house by the radio station.			
10- His parents feel really miserable and worried since Johnny's sudden departure from home.			

2-What do the following words refer to ?

1-me on line 10 refers to.....

2-you on line 17 refers to

3-- Find antonyms of (lines 1 to 9):

- 1-disappear suddenly =
- 2-a fashion-conscious person =
- 3-all too often =
- 4-empty =

4.- Find equivalents of these phrases (lines 10 to 17) :

- 1-empty water from lakes and rivers, etc, ...=
- 2-a type of breakfast food =
- 3-urgent call =

5- Explain the following phrase IN YOUR OWN WORDS, please:

a- (...) "am giving priority to obscurity" line 13/14

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