

Growing up

Worksheet 1

Adapted from: <http://www.esldiscussions.com/y/youth.html>

YOUTH DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What images spring to mind when you hear the word 'youth'?
- 2) What are the good things and bad things about today's youth?
- 3) Are today's youth different from the youth of yesteryear?
- 4) How would you describe an average member of today's youth?
- 5) Do today's youth respect authority?
- 6) What is the fountain of youth?
- 7) Do you think youths understand how lucky they are?
- 8) How are the youth of different continents different to the young people in your country?
- 9) Pablo Picasso said: "Youth has no age." What did he mean? Do you agree?
- 10) Someone once said: "Don't waste your youth growing up." What did they mean? Do you agree?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) What three adjectives would you use to describe today's youth?
- 2) What's the biggest problem with today's youth?
- 3) What aspects of today's youth make you hopeful about the future?
- 4) Do you have any wild and crazy stories from your youth?
- 5) What's the thing you hated most about your youth?
- 6) Do old people understand today's youth?
- 7) What kind of youth were you?
- 8) What things about the world do you think youths are angry about?
- 9) Herbert Asquith said: "Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life." What did he mean? Do you agree?
- 10) George Bernard Shaw said: "Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children." What did he mean? Do you agree?