

Welcome to Youth United!

Welcome

1 Be a better learner!

Do the quiz and find out how you can improve your language learning skills!

Quiz

- When you find a new word that you think is useful, do you
 - underline it on the page?
 - write it down in your vocabulary notebook with a translation in your language?
 - write it down in your vocabulary notebook with a translation and an example sentence in English?
- What's the first thing you do when you don't know the meaning of a word?
 - ask your friend or your teacher what it means
 - try and understand its meaning from the whole sentence
 - look it up in a dictionary
- When you write a composition in English, do you
 - read the title and start writing immediately?
 - think about the title and write down a few ideas before you start writing?
 - make a plan of what you are going to write in each paragraph before you start?
- When you write a composition in English, do you
 - read through it as soon as you've finished to check for mistakes?
 - read through and check your mistakes just before you give it to the teacher?
 - give it to the teacher without looking at it again?
- When you make a grammar mistake, do you
 - try and understand why you got it wrong and look back at the grammar explanation?
 - feel annoyed, but don't try to find out why it was wrong?
 - forget about it – everyone knows how difficult grammar is, so it's natural to make mistakes?
- In your English lessons, do you
 - enjoy speaking English at every opportunity?
 - try to speak English as much as possible even though you feel a bit silly sometimes?
 - avoid speaking English because you don't want to make a mistake?
- Which of the following do you sometimes do?
 - try to understand the words of English songs
 - read things on the Internet in English
 - try to understand what people are saying in English films instead of reading the subtitles
 - speak English to tourists in your country
 - read an English comic, magazine or book

Compare your answers with your partner. Whose language learning habits are better?

International Youth

We are looking for young people from around the world to take part in this year's **International Youth Conference (IYC)**. If you are aged between 13-18, interested in world news, and would love to meet young people from other countries, we'd like to hear from you. All you have to do is complete an application form and write an essay in answer to this question:

What would you like to change about life in the modern world?

We will choose 16 winners from different countries to invite to the IYC in Barcelona.

Send your essay and application form to the address below. And **good luck!**

2 Change the world!

- A Look at this advertisement. →**
What's it for?
What changes could we make to the modern world?

B Now read extracts from the Smash Team's essays. Can you match them with the people who wrote them?

I think it's wrong that money is so important to people. We seem to care less about human beings and more about material things and money. I think everyone should do a few hours of voluntary work every week. It would teach people to be less selfish and more caring.

1

Adults should take young people and their ideas more seriously. Some of us dress in unusual clothes or listen to a different kind of music, but so what? That doesn't mean our opinions aren't valuable. The world would be a better place if young people had more power!

2

In my opinion, people should be prouder of their culture and traditions. Many countries are losing their identity. You can find the same things everywhere now. That's why we need to value the things that make each country special or different - music, food and language, for example.

3

I think people work too hard and take life too seriously! They should relax more and spend time doing the things that make them happy. We have to succeed from our first years at school and later at university. We spend most of our youth worrying about exams when we could be enjoying life more!

4

Let's enjoy our differences!



Akira

We should think about others more.



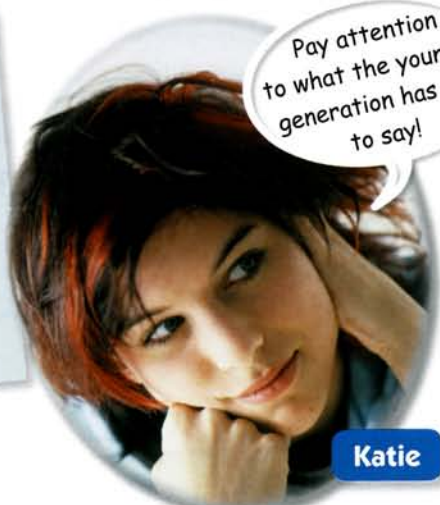
Halla

Young people want to have fun!



Marco

Pay attention to what the younger generation has got to say!



Katie


C Whose ideas do you agree/disagree with?

D Listen and complete the missing information in the Smash Team's application forms.



1

Name: Katie
Surname: Flynn



Age: _____
Nationality: _____
Likes: _____
Dislikes: _____
Hobbies: poetry
Ambition: _____

2

Name: Akira
Surname: Masayoshi



Age: _____
Nationality: _____
Likes: _____
Dislikes: _____
Hobbies: playing computer games
Ambition: _____

3


Name: Halla
Surname: Helgadóttir



Age: _____
Nationality: Icelandic
Likes: _____, astrology
Dislikes: _____
Hobbies: _____
Ambition: _____

4

Name: Marco
Surname: Bustamante



Age: _____
Nationality: _____
Likes: _____
Dislikes: _____
Hobbies: _____
Ambition: I'd love to be a chef.

E Now interview your partner and complete an application form for him/her. Don't use the words on the form, use the question words *how, where, what, etc.*

Name:

Surname:

Age:

Nationality:

Likes:

Dislikes:

Hobbies:

Ambition:

C Look at the essay below. Find the mistakes and underline them. Look at:

- verb tenses and forms (5 mistakes)
- spelling (3 mistakes)
- prepositions (1 mistake)
- articles (2 mistakes)
- comparatives (2 mistakes)
- word order (1 mistake)
- countable / uncountable (1 mistake)

'What would you like to change about life in the modern world?'

I would like change a lot of things in the modern world for several reasons. Sometimes I'm thinking that people were more happy in the past.

First of all, I don't like the technology at all. It has been had an awful effect on our lives because it has replaced people with machines. Mobile phones and the computers are useful, but they isn't good for our healthy. Secondly, relationships between people are more bad nowadays because we haven't got time enough. People are ruder than they used to being and they don't care about others. This is really sad.

On conclusion, there are much problems with the modern world. That's why I would change it if I could.

3 Think about language!

A Find an example of these parts of speech on pages 4-7.

- 1 noun
- 2 adjective
- 3 adverb
- 4 main verb
- 5 auxiliary verb
- 6 phrasal verb
- 7 preposition

B Write down four new words that you have found today. Write them down like this:

Word:

part of speech:

meaning:

translation:

example sentence:

D You will hear some words which are difficult to spell. Listen and write them down. 🎧

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