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Good friends, good advice

Have you got problems at school? at home? with your parents? Does your best friend need help or do you just want to talk to someone?

My name's Stacey. Write to me with all your problems and I'll do my best to help!

Dear Stacey,
I need your help. I'm going to a birthday party tomorrow. I have to take a present and I don't know what to buy. It's for my friend Katie from the Sports Club. She's rich – she's got lots of nice things! She's got a mobile phone, an MP3 player, lots of make-up and some amazing clothes! All of her friends are rich, too. I'm quite generous but I'm worried – she might not like my present because I haven't got a lot of money. I may not go to the party.

Amanda, 13

Hi Amanda,

Relax! You should remember one thing: Katie invited you. She's having a party to be with her friends. You should definitely go tomorrow. Think about the things you like doing with Katie at the Sports Club. Take a simple present. It doesn't have to be expensive (for example, I like colourful clothes for dancing). And you mustn't think about how much it costs.

Stacey

Dear Stacey,
Can you help me? I usually go to the cinema with my friends at the weekends. Tomorrow we're going to see a new film. My problem is with one boy, Eric. He always talks loudly during the film. The worst thing is that my friends get annoyed and I feel upset and embarrassed. Should I say something to him?

Charlie, 14.

Hi Charlie,

You shouldn't feel bad about talking to Eric. Speak to your other friends first. Are they quiet during the movie? People are different in a group. So, chill out! Just tell Eric he makes you uncomfortable. He may surprise you and understand. Your other friends may be happier without the loud noises, too.

Stacey



Reading

1a Read the web page and answer the questions.

- 1 Who likes sport?
a Stacey b Amanda c Charlie
- 2 Who finds the answers to the problems?
a Stacey b Amanda c Charlie
- 3 Who is 13?
a Stacey b Amanda c Charlie
- 4 Who's got a problem with a boy?
a Stacey b Amanda c Charlie
- 5 Who feels embarrassed?
a Stacey b Amanda c Charlie

1b Look at the text and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).
Correct the false statements.

- 1 Amanda is the same age as Charlie.
F *Charlie is older than Amanda*
- 2 Amanda has got an idea for a present.
- 3 Amanda may not go to Katie's party.
- 4 Stacey says Amanda shouldn't worry about money.
- 5 Charlie never goes to the cinema.
- 6 Charlie talks during the film.
- 7 Charlie is more polite than Eric.
- 8 Stacey thinks Charlie should be quiet.

1c Rearrange the letters to make adjectives from the web page.

- a psuet u p s e t
- b sardmbeeas _____
- c nogeuers _____
- d ndoyane _____
- e orierwd _____
- f icrh _____

Writing: Over to you...

2a Choose the correct words (a, b or c) to complete the email.

I think Amanda ¹ worries too much. She ² _____ go to the party and have fun. Katie is a ³ _____ friend, and that's why she ⁴ _____ Amanda to her party. Stacey's ⁵ _____. Amanda is forgetting what's really important – having a good ⁶ _____.

I think Stacey's ⁷ _____ is correct. Eric should be quiet. He's very ⁸ _____. When I go to the cinema I ⁹ _____ a lot of money for my ticket. It's very ¹⁰ _____ if you can't enjoy the film.

Katarina, 13

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| 1 a <u>worries</u> | b tries | c upsets |
| 2 a did | b wants | c should |
| 3 a new | b good | c fun |
| 4 a called | b invited | c met |
| 5 a OK | b sure | c right |
| 6 a time | b story | c present |
| 7 a advice | b words | c letter |
| 8 a lucky | b young | c rude |
| 9 a give | b pay | c buy |
| 10 a upsetting | b shy | c embarrassing |

2b Write your advice for Amanda and Charlie. Use *should/shouldn't*, *have to/doesn't have to* and *must/mustn't*.

I think Amanda _____

I think Charlie _____
