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Runaways

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*I'm a teen, therefore, I must be bad.
Because I'm a teen, the life I lead is sad.
All the teenagers – they belong to a gang.
We steal, lie, hit, kill, and guns we bang.
Don't ever trust us we're up to no good.
We don't shop without stealing.
Be locked up, we should.
We all are satanists. In jail we belong.
I'm a teen, therefore, I'm wrong.*

Introduction

- *A child is going to be born.*
- *Now it is very important that parents must love their baby. They must dream about the way their child will grow up, what kind of a person he will become. And if it is so, the happy man will be born. This baby is wished, perhaps, when he is born, he won't cry and the first thing he'll do — he will be smiling at the world around him. He will smile at his father and mother, the doctor, who has helped him to come into this world and he'll smile at this world such a bright, warm and kind one.*
- *Time passes, the person grows up. The parents know, what kind of a man their child will be, because he'll be their reflection. Living in love and understanding, he will grow up free and kind, he'll be able to understand other people and help them. If his parents think firstly about others then about themselves, the child will learn how to enjoy the feeling, that somebody near you is happy. This will be the biggest happiness because it goes from your heart and soul. You can believe me, I know, delight and kindness that are given to people, will come back to you, but they'll be much bigger. Such rejoice will make all your problems very small. It is shining like a brilliant. Maybe it is love.*
- *They say that youth is the best time in human life. Maybe it is, but there are lots of problems, that can make being young a very difficult thing. Let's talk about some of these problems.*

Why children run away from homes?

- More than a million teenagers run away from home every year. Their parents are often puzzled and hurt. Why do they do it?*
- There's usually a lack of understanding on both sides — parents and child — problems in communication.*
- More than half of these runaways are girls. Their average age is fifteen. For one reason or another, they refuse to stay at home. Of course, the great majority of young people never run away from home. Nevertheless, the problem is a serious one. There is no "typical" runaway, though. Many come from homes broken by divorce or homes where there is an alcoholic parent. Some run away from parents who beat them. But there are also many runaways who come from seemingly healthy homes where no such problems exist.*

Problems of Teenagers

- *At the age of 18 young people can take on most of rights and responsibilities of adulthood. Before this occurs, a teenager goes through a period of adolescence. Psychologists say that almost every young person has an experience of conflicts during this period of his life, because teenagers are changing rapidly. They mould their characters, personalities; the process of physical development begins and the minds of young people get completely prepared for future serious life.*
- *The problem №1 of the young people is the problem of "fathers and sons". Teenagers consider themselves independent or able to live in the adult world, they want to have their own private life. Mutual understanding between parents and children crushes. Some families neglect this problem, so it becomes more and more difficult to find common language.*

Independence of teenager is loneliness

- *The word "freedom" appears to be more and more popular in our time. So many children want to be free of their parents, school and even of public laws. When a person grows up to be a teenager he interferes with different problems and learns the life rules. He starts to realize that he can't constantly act as per his wish. Teenagers have to obey social orders. It is difficult to make up your mind to such truth when you are fourteen or fifteen. So lots of teenagers try to break all the rules and become independent. They run from their parents, some have a lot of friends in order not to have one that would "hang upon their sleeve", occasionally they even outrage public opinion. It helps them to think that they are free. One of the teenager's delusions is the idea that if anyone is not following' the Jaws then he is independent.*
- *To my mind, independence of a child is the same as loneliness. As an American poet Emerson said: "The only way to have a friend is to be one." So if you don't want to be alone you do not have to be selfish. Just think a little of others and they will think of you. Be a true friend to one person and you will understand a true happiness of life, because "to the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.*

Street Children

- There are about 100 million young people around the world who call the streets their home. And their numbers are rising by the hundreds of thousands each year. In Africa, they are orphans of civil war or victims of famine; in Latin America and Asia, they are victims of poverty. In the capitals of the Western world, they are runaways.*
- Street children have to look after themselves, living off rubbish, trying to earn money by odd jobs.*
- The two most difficult cities in the world right now are Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Bangkok, Thailand. Many of the street children are beaten, raped and sold for sex. They cannot turn to the police for help because the police often do the same things to them. In some Latin American countries, street children are rounded up and imprisoned or killed, just to tidy up the streets for an important foreign visitor.*

Teenage problems In a Family

- *Family life isn't always easy. Today, conflicts between children and their parents are a classic case of misunderstandings between different generations: conflicts with adults are typical in teenagers' life. Children and their parents often argue with each other. I would like to tell you about problems which can cause conflicts.*
- *One of the problems concerns teenager fashion. Nowadays, in most stylish clothes you can't find anything that looks like normal in your parents' mind. The clothes you wear do not look stylish to your parents'. But you want a little more say in what you wear. Meanwhile your parents try to have control over your life and choices. They don't like things such as red and blue hair, and studs and rings in different parts of your body.*

We'll be parents Too

- *Relationships between parents and children have always been very complicated. It happens because children think that parents aspire to control their every step, constantly teach them, and prohibit everything. I think that an attempt to look at this situation from the parent's position will make you see everything differently.*
- *Yes, we are always being taught. But our parents have their own life experience and they know better how this or that situation might develop. And they just want us not to be disappointed and not to make some mistakes, which they (perhaps) made in the past. It is necessary to control us, because if they didn't do this then almost all of us would give up going to school, have fun all day long with our bosom-friends, listen to music, watch TV or play computer games. You must pay for all these things in this or that way, and it is perfectly clear to your parents.*

A photograph of four children standing in front of a brick wall. They are wearing hooded jackets and caps, suggesting a cold environment. The children are looking towards the camera. The text is overlaid on the image.

Why you aren't at school?

- *This is a question that many British schoolchildren may hear at some point in their school careers, when they are 'playing truant', 'bunking off, or absent without permission. The government thinks that absenteeism is getting out of control in England, but what can they do to make sure children go to school? Here are some of the reasons they are worried:*
- *Last year 9000 children were expelled from schools in England, a big rise in figures. Many children were excluded for violence and criminal behaviour. Of course, throwing children out of school solves one problem but immediately creates many more. Some teachers want corporal punishment brought (beating children with sticks) back into the classroom (it was banned in the 1970s), but the government didn't agree.*

Stop the Bullies!

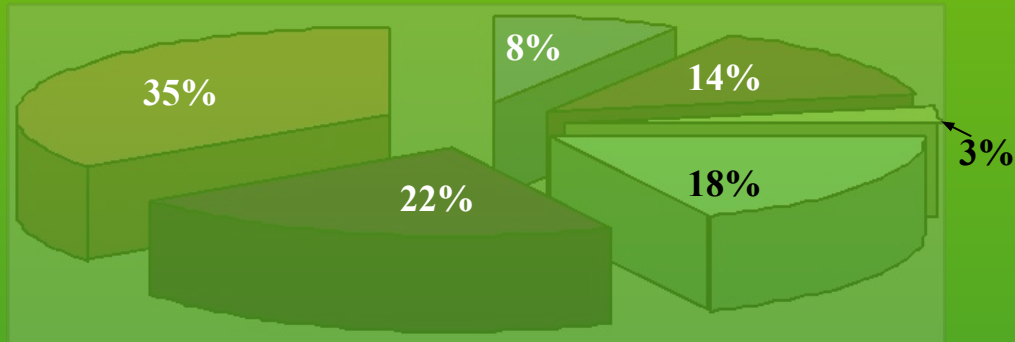
- *Bullying is a serious problem in many countries. In the UK, for example, 8 out of every 10 children are bullied at some time. About ten young people commit suicide every year because they're victims of bullying.*
- *Bullying often starts when people pick on something that's different. It could be how big you are, or how thin you are, the way you look or the way you dress... Sometimes bullies don't even need a reason — they make one up.*
- *Bullies rely on three things: that no one tells, that no one stands up for you and that no one steps in if you seek help.*
- *Bullying can take many forms — from physical violence to name calling and spreading nasty rumours. Parents and teachers often think that bullies are kids who hit, kick and pinch. But bullies who don't flex their muscles are often more dangerous. This breed of bully is a social sniper who attacks by spreading.*



Conclusion

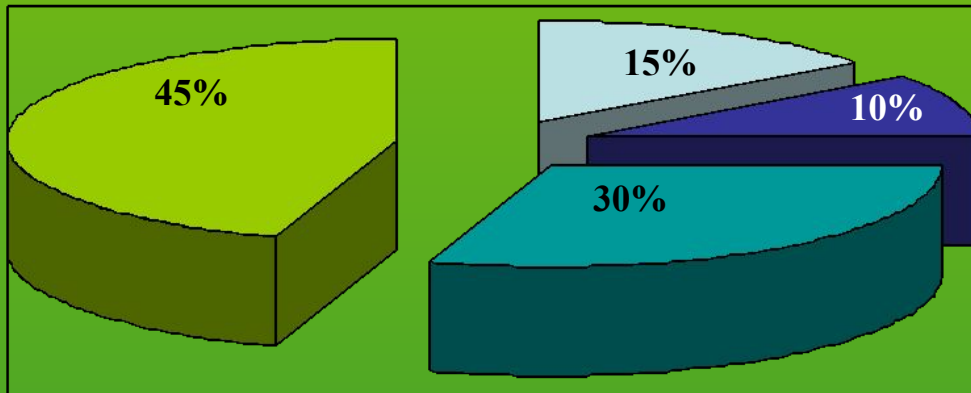
- *Recently, the quantity of runaways has considerably increased. But teenagers run from themselves, but not from their problems, therefore they need to learn, how to be in harmony with themselves and solve all problems together with parents and friends, which, in fact, are the most important support for you, constructed on love and mutual understanding.*

The ways to overcome discomfort by children



- stroll alone
- listen to music
- tell the relatives
- eat something tasty
- to fight
- tell my friend

Are parents friends or enemies?



- fully depended on your parent
- aggressive atmosphere
- there is hope to be recognized as equal
- it's worth discussing and solving problems together