READING
Hollywood kids

1 What are some of the problems of being a teenager? Tick (✓) the boxes on the left.

☐ drugs	☐
☐ violence in the streets	☐
☐ they don't have enough money	☐
☐ their parents don't give them enough attention	☐
☐ they worry about how they look	☐
☐ they have no interests or ambitions	☐
☐ their parents want them to do well in life	☐
☐ they're too old to be children, but too young to be adults	☐

2 Read the text about Hollywood kids. What are some of their problems? Tick (✓) the boxes on the right. Are there any differences?

3 Are these sentences true (✓) or false (✗)? Correct the false sentences.

1 Everybody in Hollywood is rich and famous.
2 Hollywood kids don't lead ordinary lives.
3 They understand the value of what they have.
4 Trent Maguire is spoilt and ambitious.
5 The adults try hard to be good parents.
6 Amanda's mother listens to all her daughter's problems.
7 The kids are often home alone.
8 Their parents organize every part of their lives.
9 The kids don't want to be children.
10 All the kids complain about living in Hollywood.

4 Answer the questions.

1 In what ways do Trent, Amanda, Emily, and Lindsey live unreal lives?
2 Does anything surprise you in what the kids say?
3 What are their ambitions?

What do you think?

- Do you feel sorry for children in Hollywood? Is there anything about their lives that you would like?
- What is your opinion of their parents?
- Do teenagers around the world think the same as Hollywood kids?
- Do you think it is dangerous to have everything you want?

Hollywood
Growing up in L

In Hollywood, everybody wants to be rich, famous, and beautiful. Nobody wants to be old, unknown, and poor. For Hollywood kids, life can be difficult because they grow up in such an unreal atmosphere. Their parents are ambitious, and the children are part of the parents' ambitions.

Parents pay for extravagant parties, expensive cars, and designer clothes. When every dream can come true, kids learn the value of nothing because they have everything. A 13-year-old boy, Trent Maguire, has a driver, credit cards, and unlimited cash to do what he wants when he wants. 'One day, I'll earn more than my Dad,' he boasts.

Parents buy care and attention for their children because they have no time to give it themselves. Amanda's mother employs a personal trainer, a nutritionist, a bodyguard/chauffeur, a singing coach, and a counsellor to look after all her 15-year-old daughter's needs.

Often there is no parent at home most days, so children decide whether to make their own meals or go out to restaurants, when to watch television or do homework. They organize their own social lives. They play no childhood games. They become adults before they're ready.

Hollywood has always been the city of dreams. The kids in L.A. live unreal lives where money, beauty, and pleasure are the only gods. Will children around the world soon start to think the same? Or do they already?

"Looks are very important in Hollywood. If you're good-looking, you'll go far. I want to be a beautician. You grow up really fast in L.A. Everyone is in a rush to be an adult, to be going to clubs. It's not cool to be a kid." **Mijanou, aged 18**

kids

Los Angeles ain't easy

"I live in a hotel and when I come home from school, there are maybe 80 people who say 'Good day' to me. It's their job to say that. In the bathroom there are mirrors everywhere. I love looking at myself. I can spend five hours doing my hair and posing. I'm going to be a model."
Emily, aged 10

"I've wanted to get my nose done since I was 12. My friends started having plastic surgery and liposuction during my freshman year of high school. My nose cost $10,000. But it was worth it. It changed my life. I'm gonna get into the movies."
Lindsey, aged 18

"Everyone thinks Hollywood is so glamorous, but I have news for you. It is really dangerous growing up in L.A. People have guns. Sometimes I think I'm going crazy. I'm going to get out of here just as soon as I can." **Zavier, aged 18**

VOCABULARY

Hot verbs – *have, go, come*

1 The verbs *have, go,* and *come* are very common in English. Look at these examples from the text on p42–3.

have	go	come
. . . they have no time . . .	You'll go far.	Every dream can come true.
I have news for you.	I'm going crazy.	. . . come home from school . . .

2 Put *have, go,* or *come* into each gap.

_____ an accident
_____ first in a race
_____ out for a meal
_____ and see me
_____ shopping
_____ a cold
_____ wrong
_____ a meeting
_____ abroad

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have* (or *have got*), *go*, or *come*.

1 We're _____ a party next Saturday. Would you like _____?
2 I _____ a terrible headache. Can I _____ home, please?
3 You must see my new flat. _____ round and _____ a drink some time.
4 'I'm _____ out now, Mum. Bye!' 'OK. _____ a good time. What time are you _____ home?'
5 Hi, Dave. Pete _____ a shower at the moment. I'll just _____ and tell him you're here.
6 _____ on! Get out of bed. It's time _____ to school.
7 It's a lovely day. Let's _____ to the park. We can _____ a picnic.
8 I'm _____ skiing next week. _____ you _____ any ski clothes I could borrow?

LISTENING

You've got a friend

1 Who says these things? Write 1, 2, or 3 in the boxes.

1 Your best friend
2 Your boyfriend/girlfriend
3 Your ex-boyfriend/girlfriend

☐ I'll love you forever.
☐ I'll never forget you.
☐ I'll always be there for you.
☐ I'll always remember the times we had together.
☐ I'll do anything for you.
☐ You'll never find anyone who loves you more than I do.

2 Listen to the first verse of the song. Discuss these questions.

1 Do you think the man and woman live together?
2 Is it a close relationship?
3 What is the relationship between them now? What do you think it was in the past?

3 **T 5.5** Listen and complete the song.

You've got a friend, by Carole King

When you're down and troubled
And you need a _____
And nothing, but _____
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I _____
To brighten up even your darkest nights.
(Chorus)
You just call out my name,
and you know wherever I am
I _____ to see you again.
Winter, spring, _____
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah,
You _____.

If the sky above you
_____ and full of clouds
And that old north _____
Keep your head together
And _____
And soon I'll be knocking on your door.
Hey, _____ that you've got a friend?
People can be so cold
_____ and desert you
Well they'll take your soul if you let them
Oh, yeah, but _____.
(Chorus)

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

How do you feel?

1 Look at the photos. How do the people feel?

2 All the lines in **A** answer the question *How are you?* Match a line in **A** with a line in **B**.

A	B
1 I feel nervous.	It's so wet and miserable.
2 I don't feel very well.	I'm going on holiday to Australia tomorrow.
3 I'm feeling a lot better, thanks.	My grandfather's going into hospital for tests.
4 I'm really excited.	I think I'm getting the 'flu.
5 I'm fed up with this weather.	Nothing's going right in my life.
6 I'm really tired.	I've got an exam today.
7 I'm a bit worried.	I've got a lot more energy.
8 I feel really depressed at the moment.	I couldn't get to sleep last night.

3 Choose a reply for each sentence in exercise 2.

a Cheer up! Things can't be that bad!
b Why don't you go home to bed?
c I'm sorry to hear that, but I'm sure he'll be all right.
d I know. We really need some sunshine, don't we?
e Poor you! That happens to me sometimes. I just read in bed.
f That's great. Have a good time.
g That's good. I'm pleased to hear it.
h Good luck! Do your best.

T 5.6 Listen and compare your answers.

4 Make more conversations with a partner about these things:

- a wedding
- a visit to the dentist
- a letter from the bank
- a big project at work
- problems with teenage children