**What influences young people?**

Young people **are influenced** **by** friends, peers, social rules, mass media, parents …Each of these influences young people in different ways

**Parents:** Young people need parent’s attention.  Parents actually influence their kids more than they know. Kids with supportive parents are **more self-confident** and they have **higher grades** at school and **lower levels of depression**, fighting and other **risky behaviours**. Unfortunately, the most parents are busy with work.   
**Friends:** Another thing that influences young people are friends and peers. When young people have **bad friends** they **are influenced in bad ways.** They get bad experience. **Good friends**can influence young people in many ways. They can influence them **to build the best qualities.**For example: to do their best in a sport, at school or in their social life.   
**Mass Media:**influence young people mostly in the wrong ways. It makes them **more violent, passive and more sexual in many cases by my opinion**

**What are the problems of young people?**

Young people **face** many **challenges** on their way through adolescence. They want to try all. **Smoking** is one of the **most widespread problems** of young people. Teenage smoking is often **caused by the peer pressure**. Because each teenager wants to fit in with the rest of the group and wants to be cool… The same comes with taking **drugs** and **drinking alcohol.**  
**Bullying** is another serious issue appearing in the life of teenagers. People may be bullied for no particular reason or because of the colour of their skin, wearing glasses or being different. **Love** - when your are a teenager, you experience your first loves. But when they end it hurts a lot. A lot of young people cant stand it because they feel abandoned, they think they won’t live happy life again. Girls sometimes develop **eating disorders**, including anorexia or bulimia.  The first symptoms of anorexia are: secret vomiting, obsess with their weight and rapid weight loss. **Generation gap -**Troubles, misunderstanding between 2 generations (parents-child, parents-grandparents, child-grandparents), young people change habits, hobbies, friends – that worry parents, they are confused, grandparents are too interested and not satisfied with way how their children rare their grandchildren. But both generations think they are true and feel misunderstand by each other. Important is conversation, compromises. **Problems with parents** – young people feel that parents don’t treat them as equal. They treat them as little children and young people don’t like that. Parents sometimes don’t have time to spend with their children, to talk to them.  **Young people don’t have enough experience** – it is difficult for them to find a good job and to earn money. **School problems** - most of them attend school and want to study at university, so they spend a lot of time for studying or they don´t care about grades or school, because they want to spend time with their friends or boyfriends/girlfrends.

**Dreams and ambition**

They are young and they can do everything what they want, because from some certain age they don’t have pledges. It is different in different countries. In the Czech Republic it is 18. From this age they are responsible for themselves. They can work, study, travel, recognize foreign land and get new experiences. It’s a big advantage to be young. When they are young, they don’t really think about their future, they live their careless lives until it comes some situation, when the important decision have to be done. It always come situation, when they have to stop behave like children and start to think like adults. They have to start think about their future, firstly about their studies, then about their family and so on. Every young person would like to have a successful life, he wants to do his studies, find a job, start a family and have enough money to pay every expense. Some of them are dreaming about lives full of fame and money, but lot of them then realized that it’s hardly possible. They want to live society without crime and corruption and possibilities of war and terrorism or more likely me.