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Level 5

Adolescence now lasts from 10 to 24

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THE READING

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Scientists have changed when they think adolescence ends and adulthood starts. Adolescence is the period when children develop into adults, roughly around our teenage years. Scientists now say adolescence can start at the age of 10 and continue to the age of 24. Puberty once started around the age of 14, but improved health and nutrition means it can now start the age of 10, especially in the developed world. The upper age for when adolescence ends has increased. We stay in education longer, and delay responsibilities like marriage, parenthood and getting a job.

The scientists published their study in a child and adolescent health journal. They say society needs new laws for the wider range of adolescence. A researcher said: "Although many adult legal privileges start at age 18, the adoption of adult roles and responsibilities generally occurs later." They suggested extending youth support services to the age of 25. This could be a problem because there is a big difference in the legal age at which nations recognize adulthood. People become adults at the age of 15 in Indonesia and Yemen, but in Singapore and Zambia, the age is 21.

Sources: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2018/01/19/scientists-prolong-adolescent-years-to-24-years-old-report-says.html>
<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642%2818%2930022-1/fulltext>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. when they think adolescence | a. teenage years |
| 2. when children develop | b. developed world |
| 3. roughly around our | c. getting a job |
| 4. Puberty once started around | d. and nutrition |
| 5. improved health | e. like marriage |
| 6. especially in the | f. the age of 14 |
| 7. delay responsibilities | g. ends |
| 8. parenthood and | h. into adults |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The scientists published | a. and responsibilities |
| 2. They say society | b. of adolescence |
| 3. the wider range | c. at the age of 15 |
| 4. adult legal privileges start | d. needs new laws |
| 5. the adoption of adult roles | e. recognize adulthood |
| 6. extending youth support | f. at age 18 |
| 7. the legal age at which nations | g. services |
| 8. People become adults | h. their study |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have changed when they think (1) _____ and adulthood starts. Adolescence (2) _____ when children develop into adults, (3) _____ our teenage years. Scientists now say adolescence can start at the age of 10 and continue to the age of 24. Puberty once started (4) _____ of 14, but improved health and nutrition means it can now start the age of 10, especially in the developed world. The (5) _____ when adolescence ends has increased. We stay in education longer, and delay responsibilities like marriage, parenthood and (6) _____.

The scientists published their study in a (7) _____ health journal. They say society needs new laws for (8) _____ of adolescence. A researcher said: "Although many adult legal privileges start at age 18, (9) _____ adult roles and responsibilities generally occurs later." They suggested extending (10) _____ to the age of 25. This could be a problem because there is (11) _____ in the legal age at which nations recognize adulthood. People become adults at the age of 15 in Indonesia and Yemen, but in Singapore (12) _____ age is 21.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ADOLESCENCE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180122-adolescence-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about adolescence in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

