

"Addy's Advice" Introduction Materials

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Younger Students

Dear Addy,

I am a 10 year old boy and my parents gave me \$50 to buy my brother a birthday present, but I forgot and I ended up buying myself a brand new pair of Nike shoes. What can I do now? Mum is really mad at me.

Older Students

Dear Addy,

I have three younger siblings and I am expected to take care of them all the time. Mum and dad work long hours but I want to hang out with my friends and I have no time for myself. What should I do?

Dear Addy,

I am 12 years old and would like to start using Facebook and Instagram. A lot of my friends already have these apps and I am jealous because they have so much fun on them. Both my parents say "NO!" They think I am too young and are scared of what might happen when i use these apps. What do you think? Am I old enough? Should I just download the apps and use them anyway?

Dear Addy,

I am in Year 8 at a new high school. I am handling the school work just fine but some of the girls in my grade are being really nasty to me. They leave me out, whisper about me and spread rumours that aren't true. I have even seen them pass notes about me. I can't tell the teachers because that would be dobbing and would only make things worse. Help, I am a misery!

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I am 13 years old but my parents still treat me like a toddler. I want to babysit for my neighbours but mum always says no because I am too young. What can I do to show them that I am responsible and sensible enough?

Dear Addy,

I love my teachers and classmates but I hate school. Mainly because I hate exams and assessments. I study really hard and put in all the work but I am still really worried I will get a bad mark. Sometimes I don't sleep the night before. I also worry that I won't know the answer to questions in class when I might be asked. Help me please!

Older Students

Dear Addy,

My family are moving away and I feel really sad to leave my school and friends. I love my life here. What can I do to make them understand how I feel?

Dear Addy,

Last week I cheated in my school test. I copied the person beside me and now I feel super guilty. Should I be honest and tell my teacher?

Dear Addy,

Yesterday I stole some money from my dad wallet. I took it because I really want to buy some treats after school from the service station. I know this is wrong and dad will be so mad if I own up but I feel really guilty. What should I do?