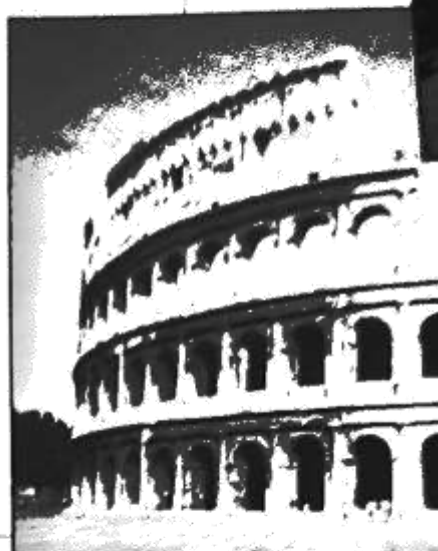


TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

November

- 20th Fly to Venice
- 21st Visit St. Mark's Square in the morning
Take a gondola trip in the afternoon
- 22nd Travel by train to Florence
- 23rd Spend the morning in the Uffizi Gallery
Go shopping in the afternoon
- 24th Fly to Rome
- 25th Go sightseeing
- 26th Visit St. Peter's
- 27th Drive to Naples
- 28th Go to Pompeii
- 29th Fly to Catania in Sicily
See Mount Etna
- 30th Return to Washington



Match the questions with the answers.

- 1 When are they visiting St. Mark's Square? d
- 2 What are they doing on November 21st in the afternoon? g
- 3 How are they traveling to Florence? c
- 4 When are they flying to Rome? a
- 5 What are they doing on November 26th? h
- 6 What are they doing in Naples? b
- 7 Where are they flying on November 29th? f
- 8 When are they returning to Washington? e

- a On November 24th.
- b They're going to Pompeii.
- c By train.
- d On November 21st.
- e On November 30th.
- f To Catania.
- g They're taking a gondola trip.
- h They're visiting St. Peter's.

2 GRA

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6 VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with these words.

**commercial • jeans • museums • postcard
souvenir • subway • trip • zoo**

- 1 Paula is planning a trip to Mexico City.
- 2 Max has a new pair of blue jeans.
- 3 The group visited two museums in Washington, D.C.
- 4 There are about five thousand animals in the zoo.
- 5 Carol wrote a postcard to her parents.
- 6 The quickest way to travel around Washington is by subway—it's called the Metro.
- 7 There are usually commercial breaks during TV programs.
- 8 Ben bought a T-shirt as a souvenir of Washington.

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VOCABULARY

Match these words from the text with their definitions.

**complain • hip-hop • kid • nerds • obsessed
hassle • run • highlights • generally**

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|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | best parts | highlights |
| 2 | boring people | nerds |
| 3 | are in charge of | Run |
| 4 | most of the time | generally |
| 5 | trouble | Hassle |
| 6 | child | kid |
| 7 | thinking about someone/something all the time | obsessed |
| 8 | say that you are not satisfied with someone/something | complain |
| 9 | kind of music that uses rap and samples (parts of other songs) | Hip-hop |

GIRLS

Jessie

I hate being this age. I do, I really hate it. I'm 15. You can't do anything, you can't go anywhere. Everyone treats you like a kid. I can't wait to be older. I don't talk to my parents about anything important. I mean, I tell my mom a lot because then she'll trust me. But there are some things—they're old so I don't think they really understand. We just talk to our friends when we want advice. And there are definitely loads of girls who go on diets when they don't need to. I know some people who get really upset and obsessive about their weight.



Amy

I like being 15. You don't have any real responsibilities. I think things are pretty easy for us. And it's easy to talk to my parents—they're really cool. In fact, some of my friends talk to them too, because they can't talk to their own parents. The future? I don't know. You have to live your own life first.



Helen

I want to be a model, and I have some photos I'm going to send out after the exams. Marriage? Well, I'd like to meet a nice guy and maybe get married, but I definitely don't want children. My sister has three kids, and she's only 23. I don't want that to happen to me.



Jackie

There's nothing to do in this town when you're our age. There's one club, and they have 15–18 nights, but that's it. And they're terrible. We spend a lot of time chatting to our friends on the Internet—it's really addictive. There's this disco they organize for all the schools. But all the teachers go. It's awful.



1 VOCABULARY

Read *Girls* and match the words with their definitions.

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|-------------|---|
| 1 kid | f |
| 2 loads | a |
| 3 upset | g |
| 4 cool | c |
| 5 addictive | b |
| 6 awful | e |
| 7 guy | d |

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|---|---------------------|
| a | lots |
| b | difficult to stop |
| c | relaxed, OK |
| d | man or boy |
| e | terrible |
| f | child |
| g | worried and unhappy |

2 COMPREHENSION

Answer the questions.

Who...

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|---|---------------|
| 1 hates being 15? | Jessie |
| 2 has a sister with three children? | Helen |
| 3 can talk to her parents? | Amy |
| 4 knows people who are worried about being fat? | Jessie |
| 5 thinks the teenage nights at the local club are no good | Jacky |
| 6 doesn't want to have children? | Helen |
| 7 doesn't know about the future? | Amy |
| 8 enjoys being a teenager? | Amy and Helen |

3 WRITING

Are the things that Jessie, Amy, Helen, and Jackie say also true about life for teenage girls in your country? Discuss the similarities and differences. Then write a paragraph comparing life for teenage girls in the U.S. and your country.

Jackie says there's nothing to do in her town. But in our town ...

3.Writing:

Helen says that she doesn't want to have children at this age, so I agree with her because I know girls that have children and sometimes don't have enough money to eat them. Also in the same way that Amy I just trust my mom because she has always been with me in any trouble, and she understands me too because she sometimes tells me about her past when she was a teenager. Also like Jessie I know people who really get upset and obsessed about their weight because most of my family is sometimes like that and I don't care about, but I just know something I don't want to be very fat.