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Question 3. Several youngsters have problems in dealing with their parents. With your partner, discuss the difference in views and complete the table below. Sometimes there may be no contradiction between the two views.

| Features | As we see ourselves | As our parents see us |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| How tidy we are | | |
| The types of clothes we wear | | |
| How courteous we are | | |
| How much we study | | |

Answer:

| Features | As we see ourselves | As our parents see us |
|--|---|--|
| How tidy we are | Quite tidy, as we perceive ourselves | We are just not up to the mark! We need to take hygiene classes! And we do not maintain our room with neatness and tidiness. |
| The types of clothes we wear | Fashionable, latest in trend, what makes us look catchy and flashy | We make ourselves appear fools by following every latest fad. We do not have the true sense of style, which is sober and elegant. |
| How courteous we are | Oh very much! We know how to behave ourselves and we respect all the much we should. To say precisely, we are courteous enough. | We do not know how to act and behave in front of our elders. We are argumentative and aggressive. We should learn what is mannerism and etiquette. |
| How much we study | Oh well, we may be not too much according to what elders say. But we do try the much we can, as per our ability. | We do try but not up to the mark. We need to work more hard and only then we will know what hard work is. Study more and play less to make something out of ourselves. |
| How independently are we allowed to express our opinions | We are not at all allowed to act independently; elders, especially parents, always tell us what to do and what not to do, as if we are kids. We do possess some radical notions, but then we are young blood! | We do not ask for it, we just take it, and for granted, of course! We do not know what to say when and where. We are blunt and out spoken. |

Question 4. In pairs, choose one topic from the table in D.3. Imagine that you and your parents are expressing your views on the topic. Use your notes from the table and write the dialogue that would take place. Make it funny! Share your dialogue with the rest of the class.

Answer: How independently are we allowed to express our opinions?

| As we see ourselves | As our parents see us |
|---|--|
| Yes, we are young and we speak. However, it is considered aggressive and blunt. | We are inexperienced and act immature and are outspoken. |
| We perceive and learn from the world around us. The knowledge we reflect is what we incorporate form our surroundings. | We are naive and do not bother about our surroundings and learn little from what goes on around us. |
| The society has changed and we act accordingly. We possess insistent radical notions that are apt for the today's environment. | Our experience will always be little as compared to our parents and other elders. So, there is no point in arguing for they have lived 25 �� '30 years more than us. |
| We are the latest and the best natural resource. We have the energy but we do not waste it diligently. We are smart. | We are lazy and do not work hard enough. We look for short cut, which can never be a key to success. |
| We do not hang on to emotions and relations. Who has time to do so? Life is fast and the world is competent. After all, the fittest one survives. | We have little respect for the emotions and relations. We are in too much hurry to conquer the world with the little knowledge and experience we possess. |

Question 5. Ravi has a problem, so he asks his friends for advice. Read the conversation below and underline the expressions that are used for giving advice. (This could be done as role-play) Ravi: My neighbours play very loud music, which disturbs me when I'm studying.

Mohan: Why don't you try persuading them to turn down the volume?

Shiela: If that doesn't work you could think of changing your study time.

Rahim: Why should Ravi have to do that? He really ought to report such antisocial behaviour to the police.

Shiela: Before taking drastic action like that, I would advise you to sort it out amicably with your neighbours.

Rahim: If I were you, I would play my music even louder! Mohan: That won't solve his problem. Ravi, I think you should ask your father to take it up with your neighours.

Answer: Below are listed the expressions that are used for giving advice.

- 1. Why don't you try...?
- 2. ...you could think of....
- 3. ...I would advise you to....
- 4. ...I think you should....

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