

## Zweiter Prüfungsteil: Leseverstehen – Wortschatz – Schreiben

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### Aufgabe 3: *Against the rules*

*A lot of teenagers have discussions with their parents about what they are allowed to do. Read about Vivian and her conflict with her parents.*

*Read the following text first and then do tasks 3.1–3.3.*

- 1 “But you’re only sixteen!” Vivian’s mother shouted.  
“So what? Do you think I’m too immature<sup>1</sup>, too irresponsible or something?” Vivian shouted back.  
“No, I’m just saying that I think it’s too early for you to be dating.”
- 5 Vivian ran to her room and slammed the door. She sat on her bed wondering why her parents were so hard on her. Her best friend Rachel had been dating since she was fourteen. Vivian used to envy<sup>2</sup> her friends who were able to do all the things that she couldn’t do. No matter how good she was and how hard she tried, her parents still treated her like a child.
- 10 If Vivian’s parents didn’t let her do something, she would usually argue for a while but finally give up. In the case of the Saturday night movie, she had made up her mind that she was going to go on the date no matter what.  
“Vivian, come out here for a minute,” her mother called. “Your father and I both agree that you can go to the movie on Saturday if you bring your friends.”
- 15 That would not be what she called a first date. The easiest way out of this situation would be to lie to her parents. “All right, I’ll call Rachel and Heather and see if they want to come with us,” she said. She had no intention of calling them and so she returned to her bedroom.  
It was a sunny Wednesday and Vivian was walking towards Joey who was  
20 leaning against the main door of the high school.  
“You know, I was thinking about Saturday night,” said Joey. “I was wondering if I could pick you up at your house?” Vivian didn’t know what to say. “Why?” Vivian asked. “Why? Because I want to and because I want to meet your parents,” said Joey laughing.
- 25 The doorbell rang. “Hello, I’m Joey,” Joey smiled at Vivian’s parents. He put his hand out to shake her father’s hand. Vivian didn’t turn to see if her father shook it. By the look on Joey’s face, she knew Joey was uncomfortable. He ran his hand across his short black hair, which he did whenever he felt uneasy. Her parents stood there looking at Joey without a smile or a frown<sup>3</sup>. Vivian knew  
30 what they were thinking. She knew the consequences that would come when she

got home. Right now, she had a date with a great guy and she wasn't going to let her parents ruin it.

Vivian took Joey's hand and they walked to the car. Vivian could see her parents as they stared at their daughter's small pale hand slip into a larger and much darker one.

from: <http://www.aboutteens.org/fiction/jcarmody.htm> (abridged and adapted)

#### Annotations

- 1 immature – someone who behaves or thinks in a way that is typical of someone much younger
- 2 envy – to wish that you have someone else's abilities, possessions etc.
- 3 frown – move one's eyebrows together to make an angry, confused etc. expression

### 3.1 Leseverstehen

*Tick the correct box (✓).*

1. The story is about ...
  - a)  two girlfriends going out to watch a film.
  - b)  parents who don't care about their children.
  - c)  a girl having her first date.
  - d)  a boy meeting his girlfriend's parents.

*Read the following statements carefully. Tick the correct box (✓).*

- |  | true                     | false                    | no information<br>in the text |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2. Vivian's mother is upset because her daughter wants to date a boy.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 3. Vivian's parents shook Joey's hand.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 4. Vivian asked two of her friends to go with her and Joey to the cinema.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 5. Vivian believes her friends have got a better teenage life.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 6. What happened on the doorstep at Vivian's house? <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) <input type="checkbox"/> Joey greeted Vivian's mother.</li><li>b) <input type="checkbox"/> Vivian's parents talked to Joey.</li><li>c) <input type="checkbox"/> Joey and Vivian left without talking to Vivian's parents.</li><li>d) <input type="checkbox"/> Vivian's father talked to her about the consequences.</li></ol> |                          |                          |                               |

### 3.2 Wortschatz

*This text is about how people may behave in a conflict.*

*Fill in suitable words or tick (✓) the correct box. There is only one correct answer.*

1. People react in different ways \_\_\_\_\_ there is a conflict.
2. Everything would be fine if people didn't
  - a)  argue on
  - b)  argue with
  - c)  argue about
  - d)  argue for each other.
3. A conflict usually starts when people have different
  - a)  meanings
  - b)  statements
  - c)  opinions
  - d)  looksabout something.
4. When there is a problem, people often have different views about how they can \_\_\_\_\_ it.
5. Some people don't \_\_\_\_\_ to what the other person says.
6. They start to
  - a)  shout at
  - b)  shout to
  - c)  shout on
  - d)  shout with each other.
7. Other people may even become \_\_\_\_\_.
8. So what can you do to find a solution that both parties can \_\_\_\_\_?
9. Firstly, you should try to
  - a)  hold
  - b)  believe
  - c)  explain
  - d)  decide
10. your position and give \_\_\_\_\_ for your opinion.
11. Then you should
  - a)  discuss
  - b)  forgive
  - c)  choose
  - d)  reportdifferent ideas for dealing with the situation.
12. The best way to end the conflict is to \_\_\_\_\_ a compromise.

13. But if the two parties continue to disagree, it will be difficult to live in peace and
- a) 0 joy.
  - b) 0 freedom.
  - c) 0 argument.
  - d) 0 harmony.

### 3.3 Schreiben

*Read the tasks carefully. Write complete sentences. Make sure to write about **all the aspects** presented in each task.*

1. Sum up what problems Vivian has before her first date and how she tries to cope with them. (Write about 80 words.)
2. What impression of Vivian's parents do you get from the text? Describe the parents' behaviour towards Vivian and their reaction to Joey. (Write at least 100 words.)
3. Do you think rules are important for teenagers? Give reasons for your opinion and support your opinion with examples from your personal experience. (Write at least 120 words.)