

Advice Column

problems about *teenage life*

- Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.



Ask Anita!

Dear Anita,

I love to go to shopping malls and department stores. I love to go with my friends from college and we all have a good time – and I think I’m a good shopper because I usually buy things when they are on sale. But I have a big problem: I have a credit card (I got it last month when I turned 18) and I spend too much money. How can I spend less money but still go shopping with my friends? Do you have any ideas?

Judy

Dear Anita,

I’m seventeen years old and my best friends and I want to back pack around Europe for the summer (we live in Australia). We plan to stay in hostels, so it won’t be too expensive. But my parents are worried that it’s too dangerous – they worry that we’ll have problems with different cultures, customs and languages. They want me to wait until I’m older before I travel, but my friends are going this summer, with me or without me. What do you think, Anita?

David

Dear Anita,

Last week my best friend got a tattoo on her arm. It’s a beautiful picture of a rose and the name of her favorite movie star. All of her friends think it’s great. Now, I also want a tattoo, but when I told my parents they got really upset. They said that I had to wait until I’m older (I’m 16 now). Anita, do you think I’m too young to get a tattoo?

Denise



- Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?