

Read the following story and answer the questions

Hi! My name is Lisa Sanders but everybody knows me as “Aunty Vera”. I work for a teenage magazine answering letters about problems teenagers have. Before I started working for the magazine, I used to spend the whole day giving advice to my friends and neighbours. They were always grateful and said my ideas about their problems had really helped them in difficult situations. So one day I decided I could do it as a real job.



I sent thousands of letter to newspapers and magazines and got quite a few offers, but I was not really sure. How could I really help people I didn't know? At that time, my children – I've got a son and two daughters - were in their teens and I had to help them in all sorts of difficult situations, from boyfriends and girlfriends to alcohol and smoking. It was a really hard time in my life. When I got the offer to work for Ohlala Teens I simply realized it was what I wanted to do. I could help other teens, not just my own kids.

It is the best decision I have taken in my whole life. I'm really happy with my job!

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| 1) Lisa answers letters from all sorts of different people. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2) How did Lisa's friends and neighbours feel about her advice? | | |
| 3) At first, Lisa was not sure about helping people she didn't know. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4) Why did Lisa accept to work for a teens magazine? | | |
| 5) How does Lisa feel about her decision to become an Agony Aunt? | | |

A. Read this letter to Aunty Vera and complete the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. If there's a +, use a modal

Dear Aunty Vera,

I'm really angry. My mum keeps (1) CRITICIZE / CRITICIZING me because I want to be a model and wear really nice clothes. I (2) WOULD LIKE TO BE / LIKE TO BE an actress and a celebrity, but I need her help to go to model school. She (3) IS HELPING / COULD HELP me, but doesn't want to. She (4) JUST TOLD / HAS JUST TOLD my dad it's a waste of time and money because I (5) WAS NOT / AM NOT that bright and I'm just a wannabe. She's wrong! Last year I (6) HAVE WON / WON many competitions at school and all my teachers said I (7) AM HAVING / HAD many good chances.



I (8) HAVE NEVER DONE / AM NEVER DOING anything my parents don't want me to do, but this time it's different. Next week I (9) WILL PLAN / AM PLANNING to go to a modeling studio. My friends say that I (10) WAS / AM right.

What do you think? Do you think I should go for it?

Love, Amy.



B. Read this other letter and complete the blanks with ONE word only. Be careful! There's an extra word

HOWEVER	IF	WHO	WHEN	FOR	SOMEBODY	BECAUSE	NEITHER
		ALREADY	WHAT	BOTH	BUT		

Dear Aunty Vera,

I'm so worried and I really need your help. I don't know (1)_____ else to turn to.

I'm 19 and I've been with my 23-year-old boyfriend (2)_____ two years now. We've always got on really well. (3)_____, just recently he's started behaving in a very strange way. He doesn't answer his phone, and when he's around he's (4)_____ paranoid and bad-tempered. Yesterday, for example, he started shouting at me (5)_____ I wanted to see something in his cel. He's (6)_____ lost a lot of weight and I think he's started taking drugs, (7)_____ I don't know how to raise the issue with him. I'm scared that (8)_____ I do, I'll lose him. When I try to talk to him, he (9)_____ listens nor looks at me.

Please tell me (10)_____ I should do.

Love, Kayleigh

C. Complete this interview with Lisa Sanders. Be careful! There's an extra bubble.

Why did you choose to become	Will you ever	What will you do
Have you ever	How long have you worked	Would you like to give

I: (1)_____ the magazine?

Lisa: I've worked for Ohlala Teens for five years.

I: (2)_____ to become an Agony Aunt writer?

Lisa: My friends and neighbours used to say I was good at giving advice, so I decided to do it for money.

I: (3)_____ advice to adults?

Lisa: No, I don't think so. I feel comfortable writing for teens.

I: And (4)_____ considered the social networks?

Lisa: Of course! I've already opened a FB account and a twitter feed. Most teenagers use them.

I: What about the future? (5)_____ when you retire?

Lisa: I'm going to go on giving advice. For free!!!

E. Composition. Write about 60 – 80 words on one of the following

* Write a letter asking Aunty Vera for advice. Tell her about a problem you have

OR

* "I was just getting into bed when I heard the noise" (first sentence)