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1. **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!

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?

2. **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 \_\_\_\_\_ (criticize) me because I want to be a model and wear really nice clothes. I \_\_\_\_\_ (+be) an actress and a celebrity, but I need her help to go to model school. She \_\_\_\_\_ (+help) me, but doesn't want to. She \_\_\_\_\_ (just tell) my dad it's a waste of time and money because I \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) that bright and I'm just a wannabe. She's wrong! Last year I \_\_\_\_\_ (win) many competitions at school and all my teachers said I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) many good chances.



I \_\_\_\_\_ (never do) anything my parents don't want me to do, but this time it's different. Next week I \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to go to a modeling studio. My friends say that I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) right.

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

Love, Amy.

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**3. Read this other letter and complete the blanks with ONE word only**

Dear Aunty Vera,

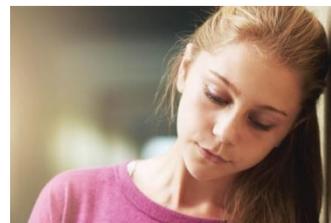
I've moved to a new district. At first it \_\_\_\_\_ all right, but now I really don't like it \_\_\_\_\_ all. I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ here and I feel very lonely because all my friends live so far away. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to them on the internet, but that's not \_\_\_\_\_ going out together in the evening. We \_\_\_\_\_ to go out every weekend and now I'm always home alone on \_\_\_\_\_ Saturdays and Sundays. It's awful!

My parents say it's my fault, but I think \_\_\_\_\_ of them really understands how I feel. They \_\_\_\_\_ be right. They don't really know anybody here.

What \_\_\_\_\_ I do to find some new friends? The kids at school seem unfriendly and don't want to know me.

I just want to run away and go back to my old house. I hate it here.

Love, Lauren.



**4. Read this other letter and complete the blanks with a suitable linking word**

Dear Aunty Vera,

I'm so worried and I really need your help. I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ else to turn to.

I'm 19 and I've been with my 23-year-old boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ two years now.

We've always got on really well. \_\_\_\_\_, just recently he's started behaving in a very strange way. He doesn't answer his phone, and \_\_\_\_\_ he's around he's really paranoid and bad-tempered. Yesterday, for example, he started shouting at me \_\_\_\_\_ I wanted to see something in his cel. He's \_\_\_\_\_ lost a lot of weight and I think he's started taking drugs, \_\_\_\_\_ I don't know how to raise the issue with him. I'm scared that \_\_\_\_\_

I do, I'll lose him. \_\_\_\_\_ I try to talk to him, he just doesn't listen and says I'm silly.

Please tell me \_\_\_\_\_ I should do.

Love, Kayleigh



**5. Complete this interview with Lisa Sanders**

I: \_\_\_\_\_ the magazine?

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

I: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_ advice to adults?

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

I: And \_\_\_\_\_ 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? \_\_\_\_\_ when you retire?

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

**6. 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)