

TEENAGERS IN TROUBLE or KISSES AND COKES

It is important that the audience know that the story takes place in the 1950's. Our aim is to provide a different approach when discussing the "Ausländer Problematik" in Germany today. We want our audience to imagine how it would be if they were foreigners as was the case for many Europeans after the Second World War and in the 1950's.



Pre-play Discussion Questions:

I.

After the second world war many people left Europe and went to live in other countries e.g. America, Australia and Canada.

- a) Do you know anyone who emigrated from Germany to one of the above countries?
- b) What was the world like in the 1950's, e.g. political situation, fashion, music? (Up until this time it was very unusual for women to wear jeans).

II.

- 1. Would you like to emigrate to America?
- 2. What do you think would be different in America?
a) the school, b) the clothes, c) free time activities, d) something else (what)
- 3. Are teenagers similar all over the world?

III.

On your first date would you rather go to:

- a) a cinema, b) a hamburger shop, c) a disco, d) somewhere else why / why not

IV.

If a friend of yours wanted you to help him/her commit a crime but you did not want to, how would you react ...

- a) say yes, because one always helps a friend
- b) say no and try to convince her or him not to do it
- c) something else

Some difficult words or structures of TEENAGERS IN TROUBLE

to get dressed.....	sich anziehen	french.....	französisch
hold on.....	warten	strange.....	eigenartig, merkwürdig
to fall in love.....	sich verlieben	I was in a hurry.....	ich hatte es eilig
lunch money	Geld für's Mittagessen	curly	lockig
I guess.....	ich nehme an	fashionable	modisch
I just moved here	ich bin gerade hierher gezogen	sense of humor	Sinn für Humor
he makes you stand up....	er bringt einen dazu aufzustehen	he was bored	er hat sich gelangweilt
I've got to go	ich muss jetzt gehen	to be in danger.....	in Gefahr sein
he's not that bad	er ist nicht so übel	truth	die Wahrheit
haircut.....	Haarschnitt	to tell the truth	die Wahrheit sagen
a date	eine Verabredung	French fries.....	Pommes Frites
on a date.....	bei einer Verabredung	coke machine.....	Cola-Automat
flavo(u)r	Geschmack	metal bar	Metallstange
math	Mathe	bad, worse, worst.....	schlecht, schlechter, am Schlechtesten
history.....	Geschichte	we have business to do.	wir müssen ein Geschäft (eine Sache) erledigen
geography.....	Erdkunde		

What a Wonderful World

Sam Cooke

Don't know much about history
Don't know much biology
Don't know much about science books
Don't know much about the french I took
But I do know that I love you
And I know that if you love me too
What a wonderful world this would be

Don't know much about Geography
Don't know much Trigonometry
Don't know much about Algebra
Don't know what a slide rule is for
But I know that one + one is two
And if this one could be with you
What a wonderful world this would be

Now I don't claim
to be an A Student
But I'm trying to be
for maybe by being an A Student Baby
I could win your love for me

But I do know that I love you
And I know that if you love me too
What a wonderful world this would be.

A Teenager in Love

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Guitar chords: c, Am, F, G7

Each time we have a quarrel
It almost breaks my heart
'cause I am so afraid
That we'll have to part

Each night I ask
the stars up above
Why must I be
a teenager in love

One day I feel so happy
Next day I feel so sad
I guess I'll learn to take
the good with the bad

Each night I ask
the stars up above
Why must I be
a teenager in love

I cried a tear for nobody but you
I'll be a lonely one if you should
say we're through

If you want to make me cry
That won't be so hard to do
And if you should say goodbye
I'll still go on loving you

Each night I ask
the stars up above
Why must I be
a teenager in love.

THE FIRST DATE

Szene aus TEENAGERS IN TROUBLE



DAVE: Tom, this is my very first date. You have to help me. You have to tell me what to do on a date.

TOM: Dave, do I have to teach you everything?

DAVE: No, just the important parts.

TOM: Okay. Lesson one: the most important thing to remember is: a date starts with "Hello" and ends with a kiss. Don't forget it.

DAVE: Right. It starts with "Hello" and ends with a kiss.

TOM: Right. Lesson two: the kiss. Dave, have you ever kissed a girl before?

DAVE: I don't think so.

TOM: Okay. The main thing is to be cool. Think about Elvis Presley. Think about how Elvis Presley kisses a girl. He looks her in the eyes, puts his arm around her, pulls her to him, and kisses her long and hard. *[moves like Elvis]* Well, it's one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and go, go, go ...

DAVE: Okay, okay.

TOM: Got it?

DAVE: I got it! Well, it's one for the ...

TOM: ... money.

DAVE: Two for the ...

TOM: ... show.

DAVE: Three to get ready ... Aw, I don't know, Tom. I'm not Elvis Presley.

TOM: It's easy. Come here. First the look, then an arm here, a little pull, and then the kiss. Now you try it.

DAVE: Okay. A look, an arm, a pull, and ...

TOM: Not so fast, Dave! This isn't a football game. Put some romance in it. Try again.

DAVE: Okay. So, and so and so and ... *[kisses Tom]*

TOM: Don't kiss me, Dave!

DAVE: But I was just doing what you told me to do.

TOM: Okay, okay. You learned the kiss. Now for lesson three: the food and drinks.

Remember: you're the boy, so you have to pay for what she eats and drinks. How much money do you have?

DAVE: *[takes money from pocket and counts it]*: Well. I've got ten, twenty, forty, sixty, eighty ... one dollar and ten cents.

TOM: One dollar and ten cents? You invited a girl on a date with only one dollar and ten cents in your pocket? How are you going to pay for the food and drinks?

DAVE: Uh ... I don't know, Tom.

TOM: That's not enough money. That's not enough.

DAVE: But that's all I have. What if she eats, and I just have a coke? It's enough money for that.

TOM: Dave, think of Elvis Presley! Elvis Presley does not go on a date with only one dollar and ten cents. You need more money. But I can help you.

THE FIRST DATE

Fragebogen

1. Before reading/listening

a) What do these English words mean in German?

If you're not sure, look in a dictionary or ask your teacher.

teach	Versuch's noch einmal.
date	Verabredung
kiss	Nicht so schnell!
romance	einladen
Try again.	unterrichten
invite	Romantik
Not so fast!	Kuss; küssen

b) On your first date would you go

- to a cinema?
- to a snack-bar?
- to a disco?
- somewhere else?

2. Now read/listen

Read the questions. Then read/listen to the text. Answer the questions. Right or wrong ?

1. Tom is teaching Dave what to do on a date.
2. Dave has a date with Elvis Presley.
3. Dave has kissed a lot of girls before.
4. Dave has to learn how to kiss.
5. Dave needs more money.

3. Read/listen again

a) Which is the "Elvis-kiss"?



b) Which is the right answer?

1. A date starts with ...

- ... a kiss.
- ... "Hello."
- ... "Nice to meet you."

2. A date ends with ...

- ... "Good-bye."
- ... a kiss.
- ... "Hello."

3. Dave has kissed ...

- ... like Elvis Presley.
- ... Tom.
- ... too much.

4. On the date ... the girl is going to pay for the food and the drinks.

- ... Tom is going to pay for everything.
- ... Dave is going to pay for the food and the drinks.

4. After reading/listening

Now teach your partner what to do on his/her first date. What are the most important things?