Teen Life — UK, Japan & Spain

Read the three profiles.

Emma

School mornings are probably my least favourite part of the day. I'm Emma, I'm 14, and I live in a town near Manchester. My school starts quite early, so I usually take the bus and use public transport every day.

We have a school uniform: a white shirt, dark trousers or a skirt, and a navy-blue jumper. I don't really mind the uniform because I never have to think about what to wear. I usually bring a packed lunch, especially when I have activities after lessons.

Twice a week I stay at school for an after-school club. I'm in the drama club, and sometimes we prepare short performances. When I get home, I do my homework, and later I usually message or hang out with friends. Sundays are quieter because I normally spend time with my family.

Haruto

Haruto is 15 and lives outside Tokyo. He takes the train to school every morning. His school uniform includes dark trousers, a white shirt and a jacket. He likes the jacket in winter, but sometimes it feels too warm when the weather changes.

Three afternoons a week, Haruto stays for an after-school club and plays badminton. On other days, he goes home, does his homework and usually has time for drawing or video games.

At weekends, he sometimes hangs out with friends near the station. He also enjoys spending time with his family, especially when they cook dinner together.

Sofia

Sofia is 14 and lives in Valencia, only about fifteen minutes from her school. The best thing about her school morning is that she can walk there. She doesn't need a bus or train, and her school doesn't have a school uniform. Sofia likes choosing her own clothes, although she says that deciding what to wear can sometimes take too long.

After lessons, she normally goes home and does her homework first. Volleyball is one of her favourite activities, and she plays several times a week. On other days, she meets friends in her neighbourhood and they hang out together.

Weekends are usually a mix of friends and family. Sofia enjoys going out, watching films and listening to music, but she also likes to spend time with her family. Long weekend lunches are one of her favourite parts of the week.

1. Who lives where?

Match each teenager to a country.

Emma — _____

Haruto — _____

Sofia — _____

Word Bank

Spain

The UK

Japan

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2. Read and complete the table.

Write short answers from the texts.

	Emma	Haruto	Sofia
Transport			
School uniform			
After-school activity			
Homework			
Free-time activity			
Family time			

3. Who is it?

Read the sentences and write Emma, Haruto or Sofia.

1. This teenager takes the train to school. _____
2. This teenager can walk to school. _____
3. This teenager is in the drama club. _____
4. This teenager plays badminton. _____
5. This teenager likes choosing their own clothes. _____
6. This teenager often cooks dinner with family. _____

4. Compare the teens.

Complete the sentences.

1. Emma and Haruto both wear _____.
2. Sofia goes to school on foot, but Emma uses _____.
3. All three teenagers _____ after school.

5. What about you?

Answer in full sentences.

1. How do you go to school?
   _____
   _____
2. Do you wear a school uniform?
   _____
   _____
3. What do you do after school?
   _____
   _____
4. How do you spend time with your family?
   _____
   _____

6. My Teen Life

Write 4–5 sentences about your school life. Use I.

Optional

Find one thing that is the same and one thing that is different between your life and one teenager from the texts.