

## 4 LISTEN 15



Teenage mother Courtney Cassidy and her three children

**A** Look at the photo and answer the questions.

- 1 What is the best age to have children?
- 2 What difficulties do teenage parents experience?
- 3 What effect would being young parents have on children?
- 4 What can be done to prevent teenage pregnancy?

**B** Before you listen, decide what teenage mother Courtney Cassidy will say about:

- Why she became pregnant
- Her abilities as a mother
- Her future plans

Check your answers after listening.

**C** Listen to the audio clip and answer the questions.

- 1 What happened to the father of Courtney's first child?
- 2 When did Courtney have her second child?
- 3 When did Courtney get sex education for the first time?

**D** You decide: Should teenage pregnancy be seen as a problem? In the past, many girls were married and pregnant by 14. Why do we find it so shocking or unusual today?

## 5 TEAMWORK

Work in pairs. Read the **Scenario** (page 118). Show your network diagram to your partner, give some information about the people on it and explain your relationship with them. Explain how you feel your generation is different from or like previous generations by using examples from your family, including values and attitudes to politics, work, family bonds, marriage, sex / sexuality, social issues and religion.

## 6 CONTROVERSY

Work in groups of four. Prepare a debate with another group. Use expressions from **Language Bank 15**.

In past decades, it has become common for childless couples in developed countries to adopt children from developing countries. A television channel has arranged a special debate on the issue.

**Group A:** You are politicians from developing countries.

Some points you may wish to mention:

- Adopted children lose their identity, culture and language.
- How is this different from buying babies?
- Would British people approve of so many British children being adopted by foreign parents?
- Loss of adopted child's contribution to their home country

**Group B:** You are a British support group for adoptive parents. Some points you could mention:

- Higher standard of living in Britain
- Prospective parents checked by authorities in both countries
- Adoption waiting list too long in the UK
- These children may not be adopted otherwise.



## 7 PORTFOLIO WRITING

- A Write a magazine article (220-250 words) about how families have changed over the last 30 years.
- B Write a letter (180-210 words) to a friend describing the wedding of someone you both know.