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## Let's build a bridge

### План-конспект урока в 10-м классе (УМК “New Millennium English”)

**Цель:** Развитие навыков толерантного отношения к людям, которые окружают подростков.

**Задачи:**

*Образовательные:*

- развитие умения читать с полным охватом содержания текста;
- совершенствование лексических навыков.

*Воспитательные:*

- развитие социокультурной конкурентно-способной личности;
- формирование психически устойчивой личности, способной ориентироваться в трудной ситуации.

*Развивающие:*

- расширение познавательной активности обучающихся;
- развитие коммуникативных умений, навыков индивидуальной и групповой работы.

#### Ход урока

##### 1. Организационный момент

- My dear! The bell has already rung. It's high time to begin our lesson. I'm very glad to see you.
- How are you?
- Can you say what date it is today?
- How do you find the weather today?
- Does your mood depend on weather?
- Do you have any problems at home?
- Do you get on well with your parents?
- Do you think that your parents don't understand you or that they are too strict?

##### 2. Фонетическая зарядка

*When life gives you lemons — make lemonade.*

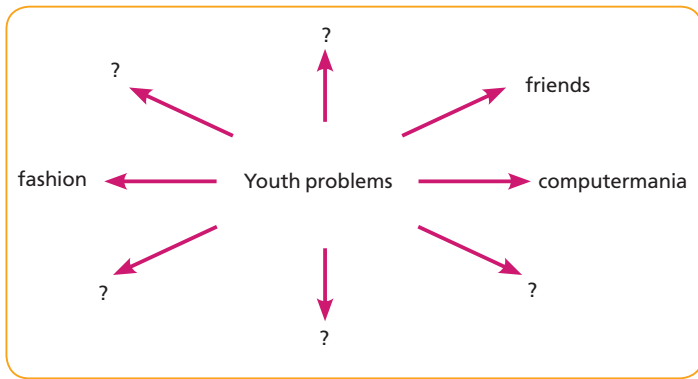
*If life gives you strict teachers — thank them.*

*If life gives you strict parents — obey them.*

- Please read it all together.
- What does it mean?

##### 3. Коммуникативная разминка

- Please look at page 81 of your exercise book. At the top you can see 3 pictures — they are 3 different problems. The 1st one please read..., the 2nd... and the 3rd...
- So what is the main cause of all these problems? (the generation gap).



#### 4. Formulating the problem

On the blackboard you can see some youth problems. What problems can you add here?

(Answers: relations with opposite sex, lack of privacy, subcultures, difficulties with getting education and finding the job)

— What is the background of teens' problems?  
I think it's the generation gap, isn't it?

#### 5. Listening

— And now we will listen to a song and you should fill in the missing words. (Pupils listen to the song 2 times.)

— What is this song about? What did the singer want to tell?

(The author wanted to say that though it is very hard for different generations to understand each other, it is also very important, because often understanding comes when your parents are dead. He also says it is important to learn how to talk with mutual respect.)

#### 6. Reading

— Please read and translate the definition of the word "agony column" (Ex. 3, p. 81–82).

— Turn the page, please. We have 2 examples of such columns, let's read and translate them.

— Answer my questions:

- Why do people write such columns?
- Would you ever write to a magazine about your problems? Why? / Why not?

### Reading

3 A. Read the dictionary definition of "agony column" and discuss the following:

**agony column** — a part of a newspaper, esp. a tabloid, or a magazine containing letters from readers about their personal problems together with advice from the newspaper or magazine

- 1 Why do people write to agony columns?
- 2 Do you know any magazines containing such problem pages in Russia?
- 3 Would you ever write to a magazine about your problems? Why (not)?

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B. Read quickly the two letters to agony columns and choose a title for each of them from the ones on the right.

My girlfriend

Tastes differ

Life's ruined

1

...I'm a normal teenager. I want to go out and have fun with my friends and do teenage things. Then I have my parents. They have to know what I am doing and with whom. I have no freedom. All they ever want to do is to talk to me about how bad I am at things and how I should focus more on my school.

Right now in my life my friends mean everything to me. I don't hang out with a bad crowd; I'm just a basic teenager who wants to have some fun. So how do I get my parents off my back and let me go and do the things that I want to do? Please, help me before I go out of my mind.

Max

2

My problem is that every time I need new clothes my mum comes with me to buy them. We don't have a lot of money, so any new clothes I need go on one of the credit cards. She's quite old-fashioned and will only take me to shops like Burton's as she says all the other shops only sell rubbish and she wants me to get something that's good quality and will last. I've tried to get her to take me to Top Man as I know Burton's card can also be used there, but she just says no. The last time I got clothes my friends saw me with Mum in Burton's and really made fun of me for it. Please, help!

Liam

Can you guess the meaning of the words from the context?

- go out
- do teenage things
- focus on
- hang out
- get somebody off one's back
- go out of one's mind
- make fun of somebody

**7. Role-play**

There are some situations in our life when we need advice. Who can give it to us? Our parents, teachers, friends and of course psychologists. Imagine that we have a telephone helpline and you ask advice or help.

**8. In some years you'll be parents yourselves**

Don't repeat the mistakes of your parents. Let's learn how to bring up children. Match the wise advice in English with Russian equivalent.

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.	Если детей принимать такими, какие они есть, они учатся видеть в мире любовь.
If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.	Если детей хвалить, они учатся ценить.
If children live with encouragement, they learn to be confident.	Если дети живут в атмосфере терпимости, они учатся быть терпеливыми.
If children live with approvals, they learn to like themselves.	Если детей подбадривать, они вырастут уверенными в себе.
If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.	Если детей одобрять, они учатся нравиться себе.

**9. Conclusion**

- To be happy means to be loved, to be treated equally.
- What is necessary to avoid misunderstanding? — Love and respect. Love each other and everything will be OK.

**10. Homework**

Write a letter about your problems to an agony column on the website.