

Imagine that you write an advice column to help readers your age with difficult problems. Choose one of the letters below and write a response giving advice that you think would help the person cope with the situation.

Letter 1

Dear Advice Columnist,

My parents seem really stressed out lately. No matter how hard I try, I can't seem to do anything right. It feels like they're always mad at me. Some days, when school is over, I don't even feel like going home. I don't know how to make things better. Can you help?

Marek

Letter 2

Dear Advice Columnist,

Callie has been my best friend for four years now. We hang out together all the time, and she's always there for me when I need her. Last week, Callie told me that she and her family will be moving to the other side of the country. I just don't know how I'm going to cope without Callie. What advice can you offer?

Amanda

Letter 3

Dear Advice Columnist,

I've always been tall for my age, and during this past year I've had a growth spurt. Now I'm the tallest person in my class. I never minded being tall—it came in handy when playing basketball—but now some of the kids in my class have started teasing me and calling me names like "Towering Tanya." Sometimes I catch myself trying to slump down to appear shorter, but I know that's bad for my posture. I feel like I'm starting to lose my self-confidence. What should I do?

Tanya