

6 THE JOURNALIST

THINK ABOUT

1 Work in groups and answer the questions.

- 1 What positive and negative things do people say about teenagers? Write a list.
- 2 Look at the list. What can teenagers do to improve people's opinions? What do you already do?

2 EP6 Watch the video and match the two parts of the sentences.



- 1 We're going to show him
- 2 I'm going to change this problem
- 3 Now all we need is
- 4 ... we're tired of people saying
- 5 We want to show them that we are important and that we play
 - a some volunteers.
 - b that all we do is cause trouble.
 - c that kids can do good things.
 - d an important part in this community.
 - e into something positive.

THINK BACK

3 Circle the best words in the sentences.

- 1 Megan feels *frustrated* / *mysterious* at the beginning of the video.
- 2 Mr Lane *agrees with* / *worries about* the plan.
- 3 Megan used the school *website* / *video* to tell people about her idea.
- 4 Megan had a *negative* / *positive* meeting with the journalist, Nigel Forsyth.
- 5 Megan is proud of *her* / *everybody's* work.

4 Complete Nigel Forsyth's notes.

Who? *Megan Peters Philips*

What did she do? She asked Mr Lane, the ¹ _____, if she could ² _____.

Why did she do it? She was angry about ³ _____.

She wanted to show that teenagers ⁴ _____. She thought about making ⁵ _____ to the park.

How did she do it? She made ⁶ _____ the school website. She asked her school friends to ⁷ _____.

Where did she get the money? She and her friends ~~paid~~ asked ⁸ _____.

When and where did it happen? Last weekend, at the park.

Who helped? ⁹ _____

THINK THROUGH

ROLE PLAY Reporting Megan's interview

Work in pairs. Student A is Megan and Student B is Luke. Imagine Luke has asked, 'So, Megan, what did you say to Nigel Forsyth?'

Part 1: Prepare your ideas

Think about what Megan and Nigel Forsyth said when they met. Write direct speech. This will help you plan the role play between Luke and Megan.

- 1 What did Megan say to the journalist?
Why do you always write negative things about teenagers?
- 2 What did Nigel Forsyth say to Megan?
It's because teenagers don't usually do positive things. They're ...
- 3 What did Megan tell him about what happened in the park?
It was amazing. Lots of people came from school ...

Part 2: Write the role play

Complete the conversation below and write and act out your role play. Report the speech that you thought of in Part 1 as part of your role play.

- LUKE So, what did you say to Nigel Forsyth?
- MEGAN What did I say to Nigel Forsyth?! Well, first I asked him why he always wrote negative things about teenagers!
- LUKE And what did he say?!