

Leaving

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Leaving home at 18 has become a huge problem for our society. When you turn 18 you're legally an adult and it's your right to make your own decisions and choices.

The first thing that some young people think about is leaving home so they can have more freedom than they have in their parents' house.

Some people in different countries think that young people should leave home at the age of 18. If they don't, some people call them 'big babies' or refer to them as 'kids who live in their parent's pockets'.

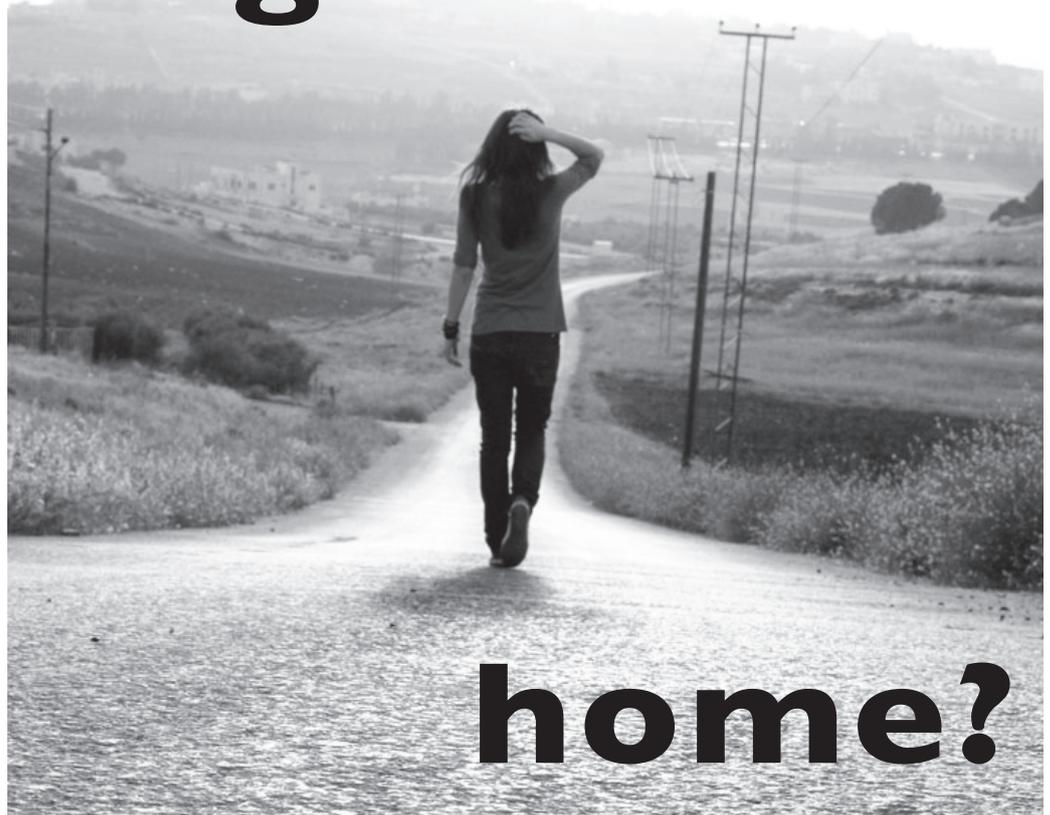
This thing may be reasonable in some American or European countries, but in Morocco it is a bit weird.

Leaving home can give you more freedom, independence and space but it's not guaranteed to be a positive experience. It isn't always easy to find a suitable place and living on your own can be expensive.

Leaving home at this early age is a big step and it is important that teenagers think about what their options are.

At 18, young people might think about starting their own lives but after a while they realize that it will be a lot harder than they first thought. It's not just having a place to stay, there are other things that young people should know about such

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home?

My mother: my hero

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Beginning 4

In life, everyone has someone that they admire and who is their idol. Most of my friends admire famous stars such as singers. However, they don't know a lot of details about their life and their personalities.

For me, admiration is like respect. My mother is my hero. She is the only person in the world who has inspired me and made me look at things differently.

The first reason for admiring my mother is because of what she teaches me about experience, through my life, step-by-step. She helps me to see the world from a realistic point of view, not a view based on appearances.

I worship her because I know that I can depend on her. She is a natural leader.

I remember when I was young, I had a terrible sickness and she stayed by my side all night in the hospital and took better care of me than any nurse or doctor. In that moment, I saw how much she cared for me and understood that she would die for me.

In conclusion, my mother is the most important person in the world to me. She works so hard for my wellbeing and happiness. There is no gap that separates us. To her, I am an open book and she helps me to pursue a better life.

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as school, work, paying bills, trying to study, worrying about deadlines and other things that need to be done. These things will only cause more stress.

So how can young people handle all these things?

In my opinion, it's up to them to decide the age they want to live alone and either they're ready to leave their home or not. There are plenty of young people who live with their parents until they get married, especially girls. In Moroccan culture, a girl cannot live alone first because her family will not allow it and second, Moroccan society doesn't tolerate this.

I haven't had the chance to learn everything about life, so living alone would be a tough thing to do.

Young people should leave home after they graduate from college or university and get a job. This way they can support themselves and pay for their tuition.

Even if they get a job, they can still stay with their parents because there's no place in this world that is better than your home.

I think the only reason that would push me to leave my home at this early age would be to continue my studies or get married.

Apart from these two reasons, I don't think that I would leave my home at 18, because I haven't had the chance to learn everything about life, so living alone would be a tough thing to do.

What do you think? Do you agree or disagree? Send your opinion to Student Voice: alcstudentvoice@gmail.com.



Last week, I won the lotto in five different countries! Wow! A reporter from the French newspaper, *Le Monde*, visits me to interview me.

First, he asks me: "What are the first five things that you are going to buy?"

I told him, first, I'm going to share my money and give a part of my fortune to the poor in this city. Second, I'm going to give my parents a part too. Third, I'm going to buy a huge house in Las Vegas. Fourth, I'm going to go shopping because I really like clothes, shoes, handbags and accessories. Fifth, I'm going to build hospitals to help all the sick in my lovely city and many other cities in Morocco.

And for my next birthday...I'm going to have a very big birthday party and I'm going to invite many friends and singers and famous people and I'm going to have it in a huge palace.

Salma Bouklata
Juniors 9 Advanced

I'm a poor young boy from Morocco who has won five trillion dirhams on the lotto and now I'm very, very rich.

The first thing that I'm going to do with all this money is buy a big castle where I'm going to live with my family and my parents.

The second thing that I'm going to do is buy a lot of clothes. The third thing that I'm going to do is help all my friends and the poor people I know - I will buy whatever they need.

For my next birthday I'm going to invite celebrities like Lady GaGa, One Direction, Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez and a lot of Moroccan actors, to a big party. The theme of my birthday party will be vampires! Finally, I'm going to buy a giant cake and we will eat it all day and all night.

Whatever money is left, I will give to poor people.

Marwane Bannani
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I'm very happy. I never imagined a thing like this happening to me!

First, I'm going to change my house and buy a car. I'm going to buy a big mansion, but not in Morocco. I'm going to live in Beverly Hills. I think I'm going to build a lot of villas in many big cities like Sydney, Paris, London, New York and Buenos Aires.

Oh, and a beautiful temple in Japan. I love Japan, so I'm going to live there.

I'm going to buy houses for my parents and for my children. I'm going to build a mosque and a hospital. I'm going to help poor people and offer money to charity and associations.

I'm going to travel all over the world and go to Mecca. I'm going to spend just two billion of my fortune and save the rest in the bank. It is for my future and for my children.

Maha Sebai
Juniors 9 Advanced

Getting to the heart of it



Ibtissam Essaghir
Junior 6 Advanced

Working as a doctor of cardiac surgery seems very exciting.

First of all, the heart is a precious lifeline that keeps us alive.

There are so many people who neglect their hearts, engaging in detrimental habits and poor lifestyle choices.

Furthermore, the leading cause of death in the world is cardiovascular disease which is the consequence of obesity, having diabetes, smoking or having high cholesterol.

Most cardiac doctors work in hospitals, universities, intensive

care units, private clinics and other research offices.

First and foremost, cardiac surgeons are interested in helping people.

They have excellent communication skills, get along with people well and instill confidence. Also, they need emotional strength, maturity, passion, empathy and energy.

Cardiac surgeons carry out operations that are sometimes successful and sometimes unsuccessful. That's why all doctors and surgeons should be optimistic and have a strong belief in God.

So finally, I hope that I will be a very good cardiac surgeon.

Modern life is a soul's jail

Amina Harchi
Intermediate 3

I've been remembering the happy family life I used to have when I was a child. As Dr Byram Karasku said in *The Art of Serenity*: "The happiness that we all yearn for is a sentiment commonly associated with the lost paradise of our childhood."

The first step toward spiritual change is growing up. It's not only a change concerning the way someone thinks but their vision of the world and how they feel about things.

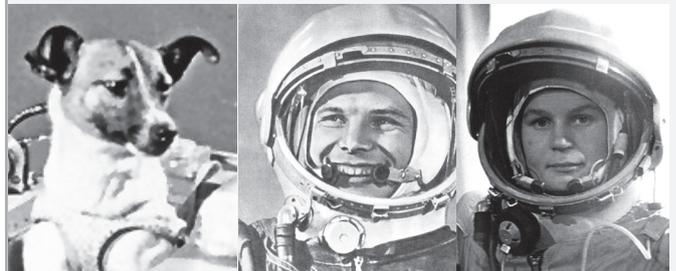
There have been two big changes in Fes. First of all, the architecture of the city has changed a lot without any harmony between the streets and no more green spaces.

The second most important change is in people's behavior. In the past, Moroccan families used to be more supportive and helpful. We would find three generations in the same big house; grand-parents, parents and the grand-children sharing their experiences, their exciting stories and their way of living every single day. Now, most of modern families don't accept the presence of a grand-parent with them - they prefer to put him or her in an old people's home. What a shame!

I've always dreamed about a positive change in our country without giving up our culture, and our identity as Moroccans.

Don't be afraid to take care of your grand-parents. This modern life is very cold and stressful. Don't let it to let you down, alone in a small dark flat in a strange city; neither living nor dying.

Space firsts



Pictures: Laika the space dog, Yuri Gagarin and Valentina Tereshkova

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What was the first animal in space?

The first animal in space was a Russian dog called Laika. In 1957, people around the world watched television as Laika travelled to space in the Satellite Sputnik 2.

Who was the first person in space?

Russian astronaut, Yuri Gagarin was launched into space on 18th April 1961. His flight lasted 108 minutes. He orbited the Earth once, travelling at nearly 28,000 kilometres an hour.

Who was the first woman in space?

Valentina Tereshkova was the first female astronaut to go to space. Scientists launched her spacecraft on 16th June 1963. She returned to Earth on 19th June 1963.

Who was the first tourist in space?

Dennis Tito, a businessman from California, was the first tourist in space. In 2001 he stayed on the international Space Station for almost eight days. The price of his trip was \$20million. He said the trip was fantastic!

Ready for your revenge

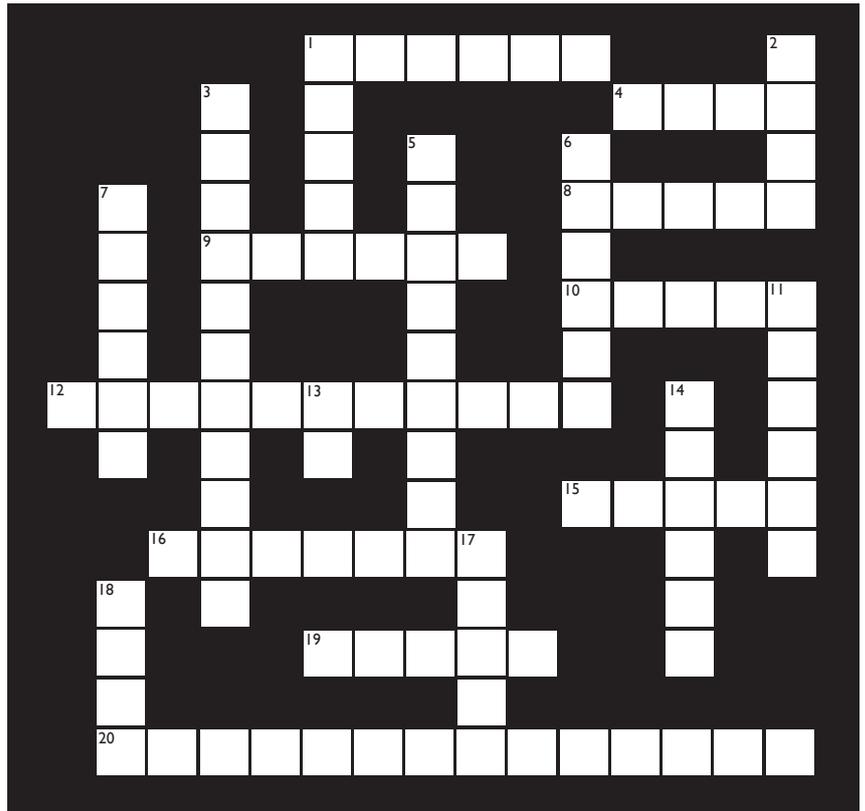
Lock me in your home where only ghosts are guests
 Put me in your garden where you grow thorns
 Put me out where I can severely suffer
 I'm so terrified when your chest touches mine
 Sharp spears penetrate my chest when you hold me close
 Cold causes me to tingle, my heart hardly beats
 I see millions of roses, but they are the bed for your revenge
 Make me lie on them till I come out in a rash
 I'll scratch with lion's claws till my blood flows
 Ready for your rival, ready for your challenge
 I'm thirsty so that I will drink your salty sour tears
 Dropping from gaze, dried eyes that've never cried
 Ready to hit your dark dance floor, music beat!
 Shriveled crispy flowers crackle under our feet
 Gobble my soul with your stormy breath
 Break my vertebra with your revengeful embrace
 Light a candle on a stormy dark night
 Open the windows and let me hear your challenge
 Let your freezing falling kisses crack my lips
 Let me be unable to speak, that is hellish your revenge
 Never mind sweetie!
 Ready for your rival, ready for your challenge!

Samir El Mouti
 Advanced 5

What if...

Dead curiosity, dead ambition, and no future plan,
 And if you asked me for the reason, simply, with whom I dreamed,
 Have already banned
 We used to watch the stars,
 And together proclaimed with one heart
 We dreamed, enjoyed and went so far,
 Who would say that we will live in a hidden conflict and a silent war
 A new life is waiting, and just a simple hint could open the door,
 But who will step and look for more...
 Then we will have the ambition, the curiosity and a future plan...

Mehdi Badra
 Advanced 3



At the movies

ACROSS

- 1 Part II
- 4 The story
- 8 A movie award
- 9 Someone who writes movie reviews
- 10 One of the many people who act in the background of a movie
- 12 A movie about real life and facts
- 15 A short movie appearance by someone famous
- 16 Where a movie takes place
- 19 A short segment of a film
- 20 Lights, explosions and computer graphics

DOWN

- 1 A movie in space
- 2 A famous actor is often called a...
- 3 A big movie production
- 5 A cartoon film
- 6 A funny movie
- 7 A scary movie
- 11 Schwarzenegger's film genre
- 13 Famous movie alien
- 14 What you use to film a movie
- 17 Kind of movie
- 18 Famous movie shark

ANSWERS ACROSS: 1. sequel, 4. plot, 8. Oscar, 9. critic, 10. extra, 12. documentary, 15. cameo, 16. setting, 19. scene, 20. special effects DOWN: 1. sci-fi, 2. lead, 3. blockbuster, 5. animation, 6. comedy, 7. horror, 11. action, 13. ET, 14. camera, 17. genre, 18. jaws.

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