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Dealing With Divorce

Directions: Read “Splitsville” (page 12). Then answer the questions in Part 1 and Part 2.

Part 1

1. What are some emotions that teens going through their parents’ divorce commonly feel?

2. According to a recent study, what effect does divorce have on father–child relationships?

3. How can exercise help teens dealing with their parents’ divorce feel better?

4. How did the divorce of Erin’s parents affect her life?

5. Instead of turning to alcohol or drugs, how can teens affected by divorce get help for their problems?

6. With his parents soon to be divorced, what does Kamal think of his relationship with his girlfriend?

Part 2

The teens interviewed for this article mentioned celebrities whose parents divorce, saying things such as “No wonder she’s such a mess” or “When I read about her parents’ divorce, I felt really bad for her, because I think she’s going through a lot more than the media realizes and they should just leave her alone.” Do you think teen celebrities, and children of celebrities, have a more difficult time than other teens when their parents split up? Why or why not?
