



Can I help?

1) Read the problems.

1. I'm terrible at maths and my teacher doesn't like me.

4. My friend is very thin but thinks she's too fat.

7. I have to be home by 9 o'clock at the latest but my friends can all stay out until later.

2. My friends want me to smoke but I don't really want to. I don't know how to say no.

5. My little brother really gets on my nerves.

8. I would love to have a dog but my dad won't let me.

10. My mum and dad get really angry when I have bad marks.

3. All my friends are better-looking than me.

6. My parents have told me they're going to split up.

9. My friends get more pocket money than I do.

11. My best friend won't talk to me because I went swimming with another friend but not with her.

2) Here is some advice. Match the advice with the problems. There are more problems than you need.

- a) You could take your friend to see a doctor. 4
- b) You should talk to your teacher about it and explain how you feel. _____
- c) If you like, I could ask my parents to talk to your parents. _____ and _____
- d) Why don't you visit a dogs' home to take one of their dogs for long walks? _____
- e) You could talk to others whose parents have split up. _____
- f) Why don't you try to do some small jobs around the house for some extra money? _____
- g) Try to talk to her and tell her how you feel. Tell her that you don't want to lose her friendship. _____
- h) Rubbish! You're as good-looking as all of us. And besides, looks aren't important. Being a good friend is.
→ _____
- i) Just say no. You must stay strong. And if they don't accept it, they're not your friends. _____

c) One problems is left. Give your advice. Write a sentence.

Problem number: _____

My advice: _____

Help:

Why don't you ... ?

Try to ...

You should ...

You could ...