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will, that all you really need is the desire to get to know them and learn about them—their likes and dislikes. Be yourself, friendly and nice, be considerate towards them and they'll do the same. Like I said, they're very special but they're people too. Don't be surprised to find out they might be a little shy in talking to you. Concentrate on making them feel at ease. Good luck!

Dear David,

Are you going to let your hair grow real long—like down to your shoulders or longer? Would you change your hair color for a role in a movie?

> Tricia Gorman Newark, New Jersey

Dear Tricia,

I don't think I'll let it grow any longer than it is now. I find its present length comfortable and longer hair might be too much for me to handle. I might change my hair color for a good role but only temporarily. I would change it back to its natural shade as soon as I could. I like the natural look in everyone, don't you?

Dear David,

I want to know if you smoke? Do your parents mind? Do you drink? I don't really care but I hope you don't do either—they're both bad for your health!

Carol McAnulty Toldeo, Ohio

Dear Carol,

I used to smoke but I quit because I realized it was unhealthy and after awhile, I really wasn't enjoying it but doing it out of habit. I don't drink either. I like to have all my senses fully awake and sharp so I can appreciate everything that's happening and liquor doesn't help that at all! No, my parents don't say anything about drinking or smoking to me because I'm old enough to choose for myself. But they are glad about my decisions.



## FOR SHIRLEY:

Dear Shirley,

Since you are a mother I want to ask you something. Why do mothers always have to give orders to their children like we're all robots? We have feelings, too, and sometimes I really can't agree with my mother's opinions on things. But, don't think bad, I don't ever talk back to her.

JoAnne Brooklyn, New York

Dear JoAnne,

Well, I certainly am glad to hear you don't talk back! Respect is very important when it comes to parents. But it has to work both ways. Mothers realize their children have feelings. After all, they were children themselves and remember how they felt. I know my children sometimes wonder why I ask them to do things a certain way. I explain to them that I've learned this is the correct way to do them through my own experience. And since I'm older and have had more experience, they see that there's truth to the argument. It's not bad to have differing opinions with your mother as long as you try to see her point of view on matters. Be more patient and talk—talking always clears the air. I hope you remember this when you become a mother, JoAnne, you'll be much wiser than many others because of your sensitivity!

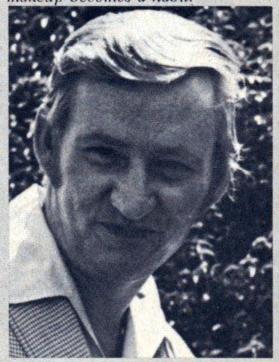
Dear Shirley,

Do you think I'm too young to wear false eyelashes? I cut my hair so it looks kind of like yours but my face is still looking like mine. I think false eyelashes will help but I told my parents I would wait and hear what you think.

Esther Morgan Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Esther,

You didn't say how old you are and that really is important. I'm very flattered that you got your hair cut like mine but I certainly hope you aren't trying to look like me! Your own face is beautiful, I'm sure, you mustn't copy someone else's, no matter whose it is! If you're closer to fifteen than twenty, I think I would wait on the lashes. Try a little mascara and just a hint of pale shadow if it's okay with your parents. That should make a big difference. Strive for the natural look—makeup becomes a habit!



## FOR DAVE:

Dear Dave,

I watch your show and I wondered if you really get annoyed with the kids on the show as you sometimes portray on television?

> Thanks, Mary Lou Whitman

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