Text : temptations

I like smoking. It makes me feel grown-up. I started when I was 12 because all my friends were doing it. We would borrow cigarettes from our parents, and smoke them where no-one could see us. At first it make me feel a bit giddy, but now it makes me feel good. I can think better when I’ve had a cigarette.

When my Dad found out I was smoking he wasn’t angry with me – until he found out I had taken his cigarettes!

I don’t believe all that stuff about smoking and lung cancer. Look at all the sports that have tobacco companies as sponsors. Athletes would not allow that if smoking was harmful, would they? Besides, smoking hasn’t affected my health and it hasn’t affected my parents’ health either. I cough a bit sometimes, but I probably caught it from my Dad. Anyway, I am not going to stop. As far as I am concerned, smoking is good for you.

Comprehension questions

1. What does smoking make this boy feel?
2. When did he start smoking cigarettes?
3. Was this boy’s father angry with him when he discovered he was smoking?
4. Then when was he angry with his boy?
5. Has smoking affected that boy’s health?
6. Is this boy going to stop smoking? Why?
7. Do you think smoking cigarettes is good for a child? Why?