

READING AND SPEAKING

Problem page

- 1 These problems come from a newspaper column where people write in with a problem, and other members of the public give their advice. Read the problems. What advice would you give?
- 2 Match the readers' letters to these problems. There are two for each problem.

DILEMMAS

with Vanessa Goodman



THIS WEEK'S PROBLEMS

Do I have to act my age?

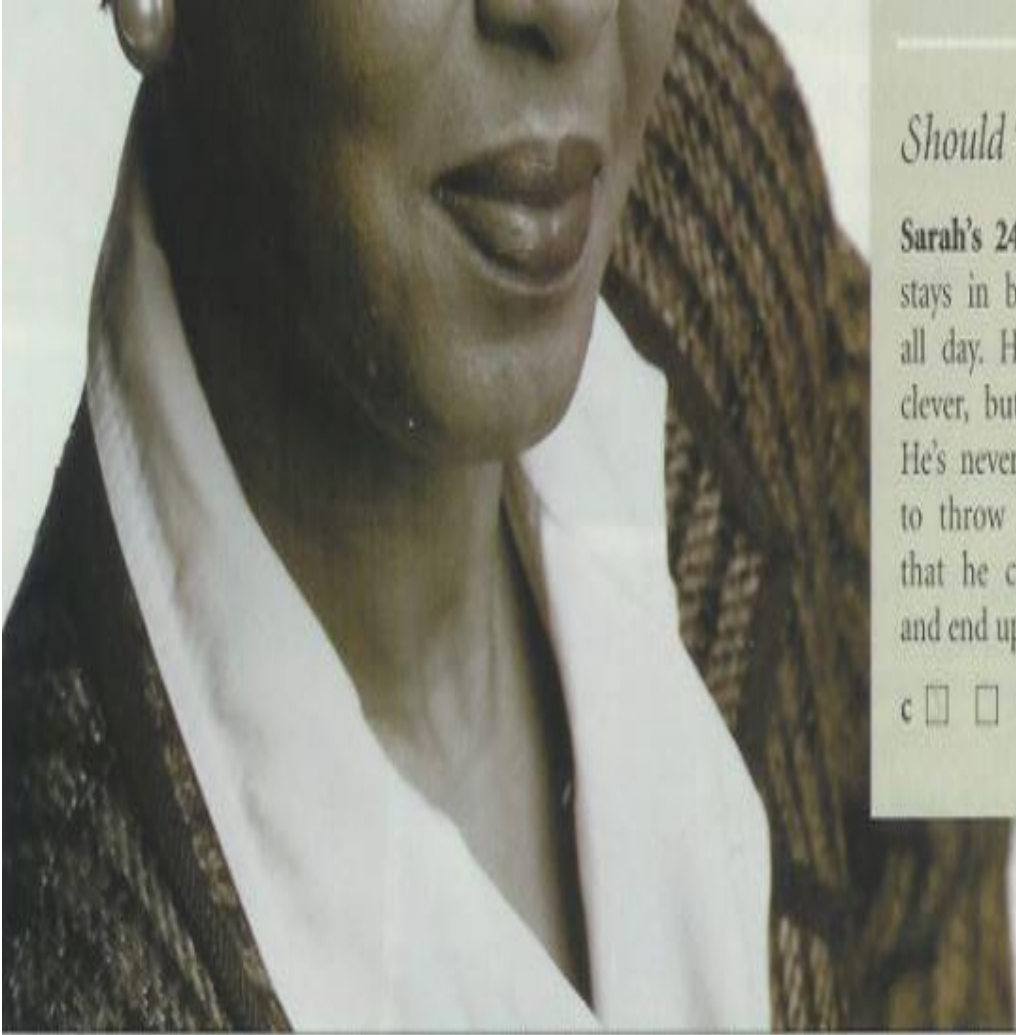
Polly is 47. She is single, and her children have left home. She is very successful in her career, and has a lot of friends, but she isn't satisfied. She longs to change her life. She wants to live abroad, paint, and write poetry, but her friends tell her she should stop being silly and act her age.

a

Must I be a slave to my mobile?

Jason's company has bought him a mobile phone. They want him to keep it on all the time, so that they can contact him anywhere, anytime. He dislikes the idea of always being available, and he hates the way people use mobiles to have private conversations in public.

b



Should I throw my son out?

Sarah's 24-year-old son lives at home, stays in bed till late, and watches TV all day. He buys and sells drugs. He's clever, but he dropped out of school. He's never had a job. His father wants to throw him out, but Sarah worries that he could get further into drugs and end up in prison.

c