In the media, teenagers are often stereotyped in a particular way. With a partner, compile a list of adjectives which you think could be used to describe the stereotypical teenager. Discuss television shows, or movies that feature people of your own age. Do you think any of these characters are stereotypes of teenagers? Explain fully. Think about commercials and how teenagers are often portrayed. Look through magazines or newspapers for articles and ads about teenagers. What is their message? Is there a hidden message? If so, what is it?

With your partner, develop an oral report that shows how you feel about media stereotypes of teenagers. Include specific examples of characters and situations.

In your report you might consider the following. To what extent do you think this portrait of teenagers is justified? How is this stereotype positive or negative? Why does this stereotype exist? Does one media form show teenagers in a more positive light than others? Explain.

**SELF-ASSESSMENT:** Did you draw any conclusions about media stereotypes of teenagers? Why do you think knowing about stereotypes is important?