

# Exscientologykids.com

## A) Introduction: Reading

Astra Woodcraft was a member of the Church of Scientology but she managed to escape when she was pregnant and they wanted her to abort her child. After some time she started her own website to help others who have escaped from the Church and to warn others not to join. Go to <http://exscientologykids.com/> to learn more about it. Read the first page and answer the following questions.

1 Who is this site for?

2 What do they mean with: a 'no registration required' forum area?

3 Who are the three young women?

## B) Reading

In the section 'Stories from the inside' you will find a great number of stories written by people who have left Scientology. Below you find the story written by Janice: <http://exscientologykids.com/janice.html>. Fill in the missing words.

### Janice's Scientology Story

I was 5 years old when it happened. I grew up in one of their usual 1) ... with my mother. To be honest, I didn't 2) ... most of it when it happened, and now that I look back to it on this day, I notice what happened to my mother. Is she really 3) ...? Did they lie to me?

So anyway my name is Janice Parker, daughter of [deleted by admin on request] ex Scientologist, now dead. One morning I got up at 5AM from the room I slept in with 3 other children and put on the itchy, bottle green 4) ..., ready to start cleaning the canteen for breakfast. All 12 of us started to set the tables like we did every day when I was called away to see my 5) ... who I hadn't seen in the past 3 weeks.

When I got into the room, I saw my mother sitting on a chair to the left behind the heavy oak door. She 6) ... she was going to have to go away for a bit and would like me to come with her. Before my mother could finish, I was told to leave the room and head back to where the others were. That's the last I saw of my mother.

It went on like this for a month, with me receiving various 7) ... for asking about my mother all the time and refusing to do work. One of these [punishments] was to get up an hour before everybody else and clean the 8) ... before the [other] children came to set the tables. If I was Late, they would make me wear the same uniform for a week without washing.

Then one day I got called out again and went to talk to a 9) ... named Sharon. She never told me her last name or anything about her, I just remember her first name and her fluffy red hair, and her telling me that my father, an 'SP', wanted me to stay with him, but I shouldn't as he was a very bad person. I agreed, as I thought if I didn't I'd get in trouble.

I carried on with life as normal and tried to 10) ... about my dad to no avail. I had 1 or 2 meetings with Sharon every day, still telling me my father was bad and to keep following Scientology and I would one day enter the Sea Org.

But then it all changed. I was woken up at 6 am one night and was told to pack my 11) ... and was hurried to a car and driven to a house. Inside the house was my father (this was where I was to spend the rest of my life free from Scientology).

The Scientologists told me I was to stay here, that's it, no goodbyes or anything - they just drove off. It seems behind my back there was a 12) ... battle who was to keep me, my father explained. My mother committed '13) ...' by hanging herself in her room a week after she told me she wanted us to leave. I was told that they wanted to keep me but my father has refused, and that's it, my simple and pretty boring story of my childhood in Scientology.

### **C) Listening**

Listen to the interview with ex scientologist Jenna Miscavige Hill, niece of Scientology leader David Miscavige: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iw2RH-OSmzY&feature=related>

Answer the following questions.

- 1 Why did she leave?
- 2 Who is the most famous Scientology member?
- 3 How many times did she see her parents?
- 4 Why did she stay in Scientology when her parents left?
- 5 What is one of the worst practices in Scientology?
- 6 When did Jenna leave the Church?

### **D) Interview**

You are now going to work out an interview on the basis of Janice's story (see text under B). Use the text to make questions and answers. E.g.

- Q. How old were you when it happened?  
A. I was five years old when it happened.

Work out the whole interview in this way.