

Listening

1. You are going to hear five people talking about their friends. Listen write the speakers A-E.

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| a. I got to know my best friend through sport. | Speaker ____ |
| b. My best friend is a relative. | Speaker ____ |
| c. I like people who are usually happy. | Speaker ____ |
| d. I haven't always been nice to my best friend. | Speaker ____ |
| e. My best friend has got a lot of positive characteristics. | Speaker ____ |

Reading

2. Read the article about identity. Decide if the statements are true (T), false (F) or not mentioned (NM).

A New Identity Every Week!

Imagine having a job where you have to take on a new identity every week or month! That's what actors do. For every play or film, they have to become a different person, often with a different personality and different appearance. One week they're kind, generous and blonde, and the next week, they're tall, thin and arrogant! So, how do they do it? And do it so well?

Actors think about acting their new characters in different ways. Some, like the famous Robert De Niro, want to 'live' the role. They learn everything they can about the new person they are going to become. Then they do everything their character would do. They dress the same, they eat the same things, they talk in the same way and even try to walk like them. The idea is to start 'thinking' like the new character. And they don't behave like this only in the studio or on stage, but they take the character home as well! That must be difficult for the rest of the family! Who's going to be at breakfast with us today – Al Capone, the President of the USA, Jack the Ripper??

Other actors create their characters in different ways. Some say that changing their appearance helps them to become the new person. Costume and make-up are very important, but some actors do even more to change their appearance. Some actors eat a lot to become fatter for some parts – like Renee Zellweger in the Bridget Jones films and then diet to get thin again for the next film! Some grow their hair long or even go bald! Some really good actors can make us believe that they're taller or stronger than they really are just by the way they act. Others need a bit of help – like Tom Cruise in his high shoes, or Robert Redford, who sometimes had to stand on a box because he's quite short!

The best actors are the ones who don't take their own personality with them into the role. They take on the new identity completely and we don't think of the actor, but of the character. Heath Ledger, who died in 2008, was like this. He could change so completely that we don't immediately think 'oh that's Heath Ledger!' He could be handsome, ugly, blonde or dark. He could be clever, stupid, funny or serious. He was a master at changing identity.

Actors have a difficult job and I admire them a lot. Personally, I think it's quite enough to have just one identity!

- Actors usually try to think like the new character. ____
- Some actors spend time with the people who they are trying to copy. ____
- Actors sometimes have weight problems because of the stressful life. ____
- Actors might be shorter than we think. ____
- Not recognising an actor is a good thing. ____
- The writer of the article would like to be an actor. ____

Grammar & vocabulary

3. Put the words given in the correct places in the sentences.

- I use social networking sites. (never) _____
- We don't chat online at the weekends. (often) _____
- He's shy when he meets new people. (always) _____
- Jake so bossy, he's changing his avatar's identity! (always) _____
- Do you react the same way as your avatar does? (usually) _____
- My dad plays computer games. (rarely) _____

4. Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences. One sentence does not have a mistake.

- I doesn't go to the local college. _____
- Do you coming with us today? _____

- c. We don't often chat online. _____
- d. Your dinner is on the table. It gets cold. _____
- e. He always doesn't wait for me after class. _____
- f. Why does he sit over there? Ask him to join us. _____
- g. This work is getting quite difficult. _____

5. Complete the sentences with these words.

shy selfish arrogant clever bossy reliable

- 1 My sister was quite _____ when I was young and I had to do everything she wanted!
- 2 People who are _____ think they know better than everyone else and I don't like that at all.
- 3 In my opinion, it's important to be _____ and do exactly what you say you will.
- 4 My dad was very _____ at school and got top marks in all his exams.
- 5 Don't be so _____. Think about me for a change!
- 6 When Helena met the famous footballer, she was very _____ and didn't know what to say to him!

6. Read the email from Tina about people she met on holiday. Choose the correct alternative to complete each gap.

Hi Jim,

I'm on holiday in Spain with Mum and Dad (and my laptop!) and I'm (1) _____ an amazing time! There are some really nice people here, and I'm sending you a photo I took yesterday. That's me in the middle (of course!). My hair's quite (2) _____, isn't it? That's the sun. The tall boy with the beach ball is Brandon. He's really crazy about beach volleyball, and we (3) _____ it all the time! Next to him is Mia. She's rather shy and serious, but she's very kind. The young girl in front of me is Mia's sister, Kerry. She looks a bit shy too in the picture, but she (4) _____ really. She's very talkative, not like her sister! I think she looks a lot like Mia, doesn't she? Then on my other side, the short boy with curly, dark hair is Frank. He lives here. Lucky thing! His dad owns the hotel. He's very (5) _____ and tells lots of jokes. He's also got a sister called Emily, who (6) _____ the manager of the hotel. She's very attractive and also very intelligent. She isn't in this picture, but she often comes out with us.

So, these are my lovely holiday friends! (7) _____ soon and tell me what you're doing. I'll see you when I get back next week!

All the best,

Tina x

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| 1 | A have | B having | C has |
| 2 | A dark | B blonde | C long |
| 3 | A play | B plays | C playing |
| 4 | A isn't | B is | C doesn't |
| 5 | A fun | B funny | C humour |
| 6 | A is | B is being | C are |
| 7 | A Writing | B You write | C Write |

Writing

- 7. Imagine you are on holiday. Write an email to a friend and tell them about some of the people you have met. (Write 100-120 words)**
