

Achievement test 1 (Units 1-4)

1 LISTENING

▶ You will hear five short recordings. Listen and choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

- You hear a boy called Jack talking about end-of-year exams. How does he approach his revision?
 - He gets on with it straight away.
 - He puts it off as long as possible.
 - He never gets round to it in time.
- You hear a boy talking about opera. Where do his parents go to see opera productions?
 - Italy
 - Berlin
 - London
- You hear a girl called Julia talking about her school days. How did her classmates react to her?
 - They all picked on her.
 - Most of them identified with her.
 - Some of them backed her up.
- You hear a boy called David describing a natural disaster. What kind of natural disaster is he describing?
 - an earthquake
 - a tsunami
 - a volcanic eruption
- You hear a singer called Amy talking about her band. What is she nervous about?
 - having a massive hit
 - going solo
 - touring the world

2 READING

Read this blog on family relationships. Are the sentences 'True' (a) or 'False' (b)?

If there is not enough information to answer 'True' (a) or 'False' (b), choose 'Doesn't say' (c).

Lucy

I've got an identical twin sister and when we were younger people didn't know who was who! It was great because we used to play tricks on our teachers and classmates. We lived in our own world and for a time we even had our own language. It's different now because we're at different universities but we definitely still have an incredibly close connection.

Max

Our parents always encouraged us to want to be top of the class, the best in the team or 'number one'. It was quite stressful because I wasn't particularly good at school and I always got the feeling that my best wasn't good enough. My brother, on the other hand, was brilliant at everything and used to get really upset if he didn't win. It didn't matter what he was doing.

Chris

I'd always had a good relationship with my family, especially my sister, but she went through a strange time for a while and used to get into trouble a lot. One time she took some money from our parents and for some reason they accused me of having taken it. Laura didn't tell them the truth and for a long time I felt really angry because it changed everything.

Kate

Anna's like a sister to me. I tell her everything and she always listens and gives really good advice and we do loads of stuff together. I'm much closer to her than to my real sister. We don't really have much in common and we don't often hang out together even though there's only a year between us. Well, as they say, you can choose your friends but you don't choose your family.

Sarah

When I was younger I used to feel sad sometimes because my friends all had brothers and sisters. But now I realise I was quite lucky in a way as I'm used to my own company now and I'm very independent. Of course it's a bit lonely when it comes to family celebrations but on the other hand, you don't need to spend so much money on presents!

- Lucy has fallen out with her twin sister.
 - True
 - False
 - Doesn't say
- Max's brother was very competitive.
 - True
 - False
 - Doesn't say
- Chris's sister Laura confessed to stealing some money.
 - True
 - False
 - Doesn't say
- Kate gets on really well with her sister.
 - True
 - False
 - Doesn't say
- Sarah is an only child.
 - True
 - False
 - Doesn't say

3 USE OF ENGLISH

Choose the correct word (a, b, c or d) for each gap.

- I've no idea what's the charts at the moment.
a in b on c at d of
- Lava down the side of the mountain.
a fell b erupted c dragged d ran
- We go to visit my aunt and uncle once in a
a month b while c time d moon
- Just give me a few minutes and I'll figure the answer for myself.
a through b over c out d down
- Don't forget me when you get to the airport.
a calling b call c to calling d to call
- These floods were the worst we've had.
a easily b far c slightly d more
- It's dangerous to leave the house, so please stay here.
a so b too c such d to
- I remember you but I'm not sure where!
a to meet b to meeting c meeting d meet
- It's not nice to laugh people.
a at b away c for d to

4 USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words including the word given.

- I started playing tennis five years ago. **PLAYING**
I tennis for five years.
- 'Let's get tickets for the concert', said Harry. **SUGGESTED**
Harry tickets for the concert.
- When Lisa was a child she didn't like vegetables, but now she does. **USE**
Lisa vegetables when she was a child, but now she does.
- The music was so loud that I had to leave. **SUCH**
It that I had to leave.
- My sister is more sociable than me. **AS**
I my sister.
- My parents have always supported me with my school work. **BACKED**
My parents have always with my school work.