

Read the first paragraph of the text. For questions 1–8, think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ?

No one says (0) being  part of a family is always easy, but families do generally provide you with love, comfort and security. No two families are alike: some are small and close to one (1) _____, while with others it is hard to keep track of who is who. (2) _____ some families have lived in (3) _____ same region for centuries, increasingly factors such (4) _____ work opportunities and even romance have caused significant population movements. When families move abroad, they often lose (5) _____ mother tongue and adopt the language and customs of the new country – even the spelling (6) _____ surnames can change. This can make it hard to trace family histories and work out (7) _____ your family have lived in a particular area for generations or are relatively recent immigrants. Perhaps all we *can* say with any certainty is that families are full of surprises and (8) _____ some cases, coincidences and complications create amazing tales.

Read the rest of the text. Match the sub-headings to sections A–C in the text. Two sub-headings are not needed.

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| 1 Citizens of the world | 4 Wrong number |
| 2 Opposites attract | 5 Staying local |
| 3 Family nightmares | |

Answer the questions.

- 1 What 'mistake' did Attis make?
- 2 Why did the Palestino fans take pity on Nobu?
- 3 Why does Lucinda feel like she isn't 'from' anywhere?
- 4 What nationalities and countries are mentioned in the texts?

A

Markos Fafoutakis

Athens, Greece

It was love at first sight for Markos's grandparents, despite the fact that they had fallen out before they met face to face. It all started when his grandfather, Attis Fafoutakis, called a friend, Marie Wouters, who had just moved to Greece from Belgium, answered the phone. When she explained that she didn't know his friend, Attis argued with her. But when she repeated her number slowly, Attis realised his mistake. He was in a hurry, so he simply hung up. Later, Attis couldn't stop thinking about the woman he had spoken to. There was something in her voice which had really appealed to him and so he decided to start all over again. Attis re-dialled the number that he had called by accident and used all his charms to apologise to Marie. She forgave him and they ended up chatting for ages. In fact, they got on so well that they arranged to meet and the rest is history.



B

Pancho Yamamoto

Talcahuano, Chile

Pancho Yamamoto's parents didn't exactly hit it off the first time they met. The Yamamotos moved from Japan to Chile to work in the mines around 1915. Pancho's father, Nobu, was a big fan of Huachipato, a football team from his home town of Talcahuano. Nobu took pride in going to every Huachipato match and one winter, he travelled 500 km to Santiago de Chile, where Huachipato was going to play against Palestino. At the match, he was surprised to find that he was the only Huachipato fan in the stadium. The Palestino fans laughed and whistled at lonely Nobu throughout the game. Then, when the game ended, some of them took pity on him, invited him for dinner and they soon forgot all about their teams' rivalry. One Palestino fan, Carolina Fernández, had been laughing at Nobu all along, like the others. But she knew it was wrong, so she made an effort to get to know him during dinner. They began a long-distance relationship and wrote around 200 letters in all before Carolina became Mrs Yamamoto.



C

Lucinda Shah

Marrakesh, Morocco

Lucinda Shah doesn't feel like she's 'from' anywhere. To her Moroccan friends, Lucinda is British and although she does have a British passport, her roots are all over the place.

Lucinda's mother, Rachana, who is Indian, grew up in Mumbai and worked as a designer in New York. Lucinda's father, Amir, a film producer whose work is mainly in the UK, was born in India to an Afghan father and a Scottish mother. Amir Shah met Rachana in 1999. They got on really well and were married the same year in Paris. When their daughter, Lucinda, was just five, Amir Shah announced, 'We're moving to Marrakesh!' For him, it was a magical place he'd always wanted to take his family to. They moved from London to Marrakesh, where Lucinda speaks Arabic and is studying at the American school. But now, all of a sudden, Rachana Shah is talking about moving to Thailand. All in all, Lucinda knows that her family's adventures aren't over yet.

