

## Grammar

### will and would for habits; I wish he would

#### 1 Choose the correct alternatives.



### How times change!

I have a brother, Ben, who's a few years younger than me. When I was young, he <sup>1</sup>will/would drive me crazy. He <sup>2</sup>d/<sup>l</sup>'ll do everything he could to annoy me. I think he just wanted attention, but I <sup>3</sup>didn't/wouldn't realise it at the time. One thing in particular that <sup>4</sup>used/wish to irritate me was when he took things of mine and hid them so I had to spend hours looking for them. He <sup>5</sup>thought/would think that was hilarious. These days, though, trying to get his attention is impossible! He <sup>6</sup>would/will ignore my messages for weeks before he finally replies, and when he does get back to me, he gives really short answers. I know he loves me and that he's busy, but I wish he <sup>7</sup>d/<sup>l</sup>'ll be a bit more like he <sup>8</sup>used to/would be. So James, call me!

#### 2 Make sentences from the prompts using **would** (**not**) or **will** (**not**).

1 I / often / take a trip to the coast in summer.

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2 Ben / never / go out / without / girlfriend / these days.

\_\_\_\_\_

3 I wish / Katja / stop / make / that awful noise.

\_\_\_\_\_

4 We / often / go to the shops after school / but we / never / buy anything.

\_\_\_\_\_

5 When / we / young / we / regularly / visit our grandparents.

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6 In the past, / Anna / never / come round / without / call / first.

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#### 3 Complete the text with phrases a–g below.

When I was young, I <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ because I was tall, skinny and really uncoordinated. I particularly hated competitive team games because I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in matches and feel stupid. However, I eventually grew into my body and at the age of 25, started to get interested in sports. I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ twice a week to work out, and even joined a basketball club. My height was finally handy! Now, at the age of 33, I <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to go running, and I <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ when I have the chance to get in a pool. In fact, I <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. My wife <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with keeping fit. She thinks I make her look bad.

- a 'd always let my team mates down
- b 'll go swimming
- c 'll regularly get up early
- d won't go a day without some kind of exercise
- e 'd never do any exercise
- f wishes I'd stop being so obsessed
- g 'd go to the gym

## Vocabulary

### Describing people and their habits

#### 4 Complete the definitions with the words in the box.

controlling cynical demanding liberal modest smooth

- 1 If you're \_\_\_\_\_, you try to make people do things.
- 2 If you're \_\_\_\_\_, you don't talk about your abilities.
- 3 If you're a \_\_\_\_\_ talker, you're persuasive but maybe insincere.
- 4 If you're \_\_\_\_\_, you're unwilling to believe that people can be good and honest.
- 5 If you're \_\_\_\_\_, you expect attention and/or things done in a certain way.
- 6 If you're \_\_\_\_\_, you're willing to understand other people's ideas and opinions.

#### 5 Complete the word in each conversation. The first letter is given.

- 1 A: Go on, you'll love babysitting. You know how good you are with the kids and they really love their Auntie.  
B: Oh, you're so **s**\_\_\_\_\_. You always say the right things. OK, I'll do it.
- 2 A: I never know if Mohammed is being funny or not.  
B: I know! He's got such a dry **s**\_\_\_\_\_ of humour.
- 3 A: I can't believe I have to wear a stupid costume at the party. Why can't we just go in our normal clothes?  
B: Oh come on, I **l**\_\_\_\_ up. It's just a bit of fun.
- 4 A: Are you happy?  
B: I think so. I'm certainly **c**\_\_\_\_\_ with everything.
- 5 A: I think you'll like Brian. He's very **c**\_\_\_\_\_.  
B: Yes, I've heard he's very easy to like.
- 6 A: I've never known such a **d**\_\_\_\_\_ boss.  
B: Me neither. He has me working all hours.