

#1. Read the article. Tick (V) A, B or C.

We interviewed three people about how family and friends have affected their personalities.

Maria Stanovich

I've always had a strong relationship with my family. An important influence on my personality was my grandmother, Hannah. She was born in 1930 into a poor family with seven children – they had to **take** very good **care of** each other in order to **survive**. Growing up in such difficult conditions **had a positive effect on** her, teaching her to share everything, be honest, helpful, hard-working, and affectionate. My grandmother taught me all these things, making me realize that family is more important than material possessions.

Katie Dupont

The people around you **have the greatest influence on** your life – they affect the way you behave and think. As soon as Rob and I met, we connected. When Rob was young, his father died in a motorcycle accident. **Being brought up** as an only child by a single parent made him independent and ambitious. He left home at 16, and since then has lived in different places and had **various** jobs. He's taught me that it's important to find time for friends and family and to do what makes you happy. He always has fun, trying new things, keeping his mind and body healthy, and he still works hard to achieve his goals. I greatly admire Rob and I hope that one day I can look at life in the way that he does.

Jed Mitchell

I spent many hours as a child listening to my uncle Wilson's stories. He was the youngest of 11 children whose family lived in a fishing town in Scotland. Life was hard and with so many mouths to feed, the children began working from an early age. At just 14, my uncle began his first job as a fisherman. That was the beginning of his adventures – he travelled and worked in Alaska, South-East Asia, India, and Africa. He educated himself, learnt to be a chef, an engineer, a farmer, and photographer. Uncle Wilson taught me that life is special and that you should **take** every **opportunity** that you can to fill it with adventure.

Example: Katie believes that your family and friends don't influence you.

A True B False C Doesn't say

- 1 Maria has a close relationship with her family.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 2 Maria's grandmother had seven children.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 3 Maria's grandmother is still alive.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 4 Growing up in a big family made Maria's grandmother less selfish.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 5 Katie met Rob at work.
A True B False C Doesn't say

6 Katie knew she and Rob would be good friends because they immediately got on well.

A True B False C Doesn't say

7 Katie thinks Rob lives his life in a positive way.

A True B False C Doesn't say

8 Jed's uncle's first job was as a chef.

A True B False C Doesn't say

9 Jed thinks people shouldn't waste any chances in life.

A True B False C Doesn't say

10 Jed would like to travel like his uncle did.

A True B False C Doesn't say

#2. Fill in the gaps the phrases from the article.

take care of / survive / has a positive effect on / influence /
brought up / various / take the opportunity to

1. My mom tells me to _____ my little sister when she's busy.
2. Eating healthy foods _____ your body.
3. The toy store has _____ types of games, like board games, puzzles, and video games.
4. I will _____ go swimming if the weather is nice today.
5. I was _____ in a house with a big garden where I loved to play.
6. My best friend has _____ on my choices, but I still make my own decisions.
7. The little plant was able to _____ even without much water.

#3. Write the definitions to these phrases or make your own sentences.

1. Take care of	
2. Survive	
3. Have a positive effect on	
4. Have influence on	
5. Be brought up	
6. Various	
7. Take opportunity	