

2 **1.1 Listen and match the speakers (1–3) with the questions they are answering (A–C).**

- A What's good and bad about big families?
- B Is being together as a family important?
- C What do you know about young people in other countries?

3 **1.2 Complete the sentences with 'a', 'an', 'the' or no article (-). Listen again and check your answers.**

- 1 I think it's good for families to spend time with each other every day.
- 2 My sister is university student.
- 3 I haven't been to many parts of world, but I hope to travel more in future.
- 4 I saw TV programme about schools in Singapore. In programme, it said students were under a lot of pressure from exams.
- 5 I think larger families are good because you learn to share and you get advice from people of different ages.
- 6 If you're only child, there's just you and you get everything you want.

4 Choose the correct words to complete the comments on Lucas' blog.



So what's life like where **you** live?



Sanne

Hoi, Lucas! I'm Dutch, too – from Eindhoven. For people outside Holland, that's ¹a / ^{an} small city in the south. It's OK but there isn't much for young people to do. And ²a / ^{the} city isn't very pretty. You're lucky living in ³capital / ^{the} capital.



Joe

Thanks for ⁴a / ^{an} interesting blog. I live in England and I'm from ⁵a / ^{the} big family. I can't imagine being ⁶a / ^{an} only child. My parents are open too and we talk all the time. But I agree with you about exams. ⁷English kids / ^{The} English kids are under pressure at school.



Ana

Hi from me in Spain! Yes, nice blog. I laughed at the bit about your mobile! My parents message me all the time, so I put my phone on silent. ⁸Communication / ^{The} communication is important but I don't need twelve messages in one hour! 😞

1 Look at the photo and read part of Ella's blog about her travelling life. Complete it with the correct words.

community freezes hang out open lift pressure

This is my second year of travelling with my family now. When my parents first talked about selling our home and going travelling, I was very ¹..... with them and said I wasn't sure about it. At fifteen years old you just want to go to school and ²..... with your friends, right? But in fact it's great. We're now part of a different ³..... of families who choose to travel around, and I'm definitely pleased that I don't have the ⁴..... of school exams anymore! We meet lots of different people – today we gave two students from Sweden a ⁵....., and they were really fun to chat to. Tomorrow we're going into the mountains. It's really cold there, and we want to see what a river looks like when it ⁶..... – it sounds cool to me!

