

FOLLOW-UP**Units 1 and 2– Gold****1) Reading:**

A) You are going to read a magazine article about people who discovered they had a relative they didn't know about. Read the text quickly and decide if the statements are true or false.

1. All the people are unhappy about what happened to them. _____
2. All the people only met recently. _____

Finding family

*Ever wondered if you had a relative you knew nothing about?
It's not as rare as you might think.*

A Harry and Samuel Quintana

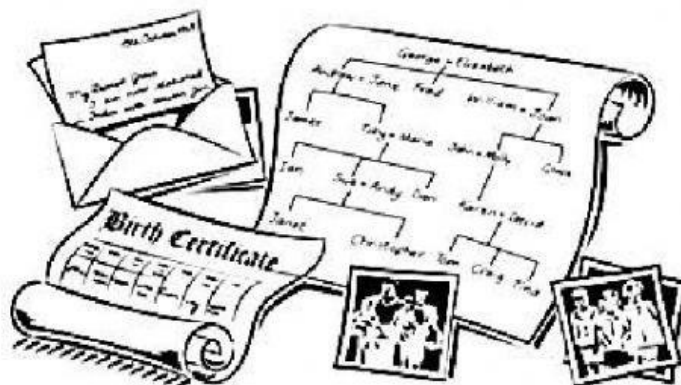
Harry Quintana and his cousin Samuel have a lot in common, even if they didn't know that until they met again recently after fifty years. Samuel grew up in South Africa and only visited the United States, where his cousin Harry lived, once as a very small child. Both children attended a family wedding. After that neither boy's parents talked about their relatives overseas. As a result, the cousins grew up on different sides of the Atlantic Ocean, unaware of each other and the parallel lives they were leading. Harry Quintana graduated in dentistry and decided to specialise in the treatment of children. Until he saw Samuel's name in a conference programme, he had no idea that over in South Africa his cousin had already become well established in exactly the same profession. When the cousins met recently they found out they have more in common than children's teeth. They like the same foods and have both recently taken up golf.

B Andrea Ives and Sandy Dixon

They look alike and sound alike, wear similar clothes and have often been taken for sisters. But it still came as a huge shock to Andrea Ives and Sandy Dixon when, more than fifteen years into their friendship, they discovered that they really are related. Ives was adopted as a child but earlier this year learnt the identity of her biological parents. She realised at once that her father had the same name as her best friend's dad. A DNA test later confirmed that he was in fact the same man. The women, who live a mile apart, met through a mutual friend. They soon became so close that Andrea was a bridesmaid at Sandy's wedding. When confirmation of the test result came through, Ives sent Dixon a text saying 'Hi, Sis!' 'It was a shock,' Dixon said, 'but I had always longed for a sister, and what better sister could I have than my best friend?'

C Petra Holmes and Elisa Manning

Petra Holmes and Elisa Manning have lived very similar lives. Both born in New York, they edited their high school newspapers and studied the same thing at university. It was only at the age of thirty-five that they discovered each other and just how similar they were: identical twins who had been separated as babies and gone to live with new families as part of a scientific study of child development.



The truth came out when Elisa decided to try to trace her birth mother. She was able to look at the records and saw that she had an identical twin, Petra. When she finally found her sister, they put the pieces of the story together. 'Nature intended for us to grow up together, so we think it is a crime we were separated,' said Elisa. They have taken this up with the psychologist responsible but according to the twins he didn't even apologise. The sisters are working on a book about their experience.

D Brenda McLaughlin and Allison Burroughs

Brenda McLaughlin had spent years compiling an extensive family tree in which she had recorded all her father's relatives' names along with the dates they were born, when they married and when they died, almost all of them in the early part of last century. Brenda, who lives in Sydney, Australia, knew about their various offspring, including the children of her father's youngest cousin, Irene. Meanwhile, Allison Burroughs, Irene's daughter, was living on the other side of the country in Perth. Although Brenda knew about her and her younger brother, there had been no contact. 'It simply never crossed my mind to try and get in touch with them,' she explains. Then, out of the blue, she received an email from Allison, who had also been looking into the McLaughlin family and had found Brenda's name on a website devoted to genealogy. Allison knew virtually nothing about the family and was amazed and delighted with Brenda's research. 'We've arranged to have a family reunion next Christmas,' says Brenda. 'Better late than never is what I say.'

B) For questions 1 – 15, choose from the sections of the article (A – D). The key words and expressions have been underlined for you. The sections may be chosen more than once.

Which two people...		
live <u>near</u> one another	1	
do the same <u>work</u> ?	2	
were adopted <u>soon after they were born</u> ?	3	
met <u>thanks to someone else</u> ?	4	
play the <u>same sport</u> ?	5	
<u>blame someone else</u> for what happened to them?	6	
<u>plan to meet</u> for the first time soon?	7	
had a <u>good relationship</u> before they found out the truth?	8	
got in touch <u>through the internet</u> ?	9	
were <u>not equally knowledgeable</u> about their family story?	10	

2) Use of English:

A) Choose the option A, B, C or D that best completes the sentences.

- He sometimes _____ friends round in the evenings.
A puts B has C meets D sees
- My friend and I have completely different _____ in music.
A thoughts B feelings C tastes D sounds
- His singing career _____ off when he won the X Factor.
A put B came C took D got
- I'd like you to take _____ what you said about me. It was very rude.
A up B off C out D back
- The singer didn't really come _____ as being sincere.
A up with B around C after D across

B) Complete the sentences using the correct form of the word in capitals.

- 1 These chemicals can be very _____, so take care when using them. **HARM**
- 2 Jenny is far more _____ than I am. **CAUTION**
- 3 I'm really _____ about going to the beach next summer. **EXCITE**
- 4 She wasn't very _____ when I told her about my accident. **SYMPATHY**
- 5 We're _____ that we'll get into the university we want. **HOPE**
- 6 He's totally _____. He never does what he says he will do. **RELY**
- 7 What's the most _____ experience you have ever had? **FRIGHTEN**

C) Drag and drop the phrases to complete the sentences.

GOT AWAY / SORTED OUT/ GOT RID OFF/ TOOK OFF/ LOOKED UP TO

- 1 They _____ their old car last week and bought a new one.
- 2 Our album really _____ last year when our song was chosen for a film.
- 3 We _____ for a few days last week and just relaxed.
- 4 We _____ the problems before we left so nobody had to worry about anything.
- 5 John _____ his older sister when he was a child. He thought she was amazing.

D) Choose the option A, B, C or D that best completes the paragraph:

We had to work **1** _____ hard to make a success of our business. We **2** _____ admit that at times we argued with each other and sometimes we were **3** _____ furious with each other. Nevertheless, we stuck together and **4** _____ things have been going very **5** _____. If you look at this year's results **6** _____, you can see what we mean. We **7** _____ have any time to argue these days.

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| 1 A absolutely | B little | C very | D much |
| 2 A free | B fairly | C freely | D quite |
| 3 A dreadfully | B absolutely | C fairly | D very |
| 4 A recent | B lately | C hardly | D close |
| 5 A well | B good | C hard | D much |
| 6 A closely | B nearly | C completely | D freely |
| 7 A absolutely | B quite | C hardly | D lately |

E) Complete the second sentence with **between two and five words**, including the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

1 Our parents always took us to music festivals. **WOULD**

Our parents _____ us to music festivals.

2 I play in a band every week so it's not problem. **USED**

I _____ in a band.

3 We often performed concerts for our friends and family when we were younger. **USED**

We _____ concerts for our friends and family when we were younger.

4 It was difficult to live in China at first but it's not so bad now. **GET**

I _____ in China now.

5 I never argued with my parents when I was a child. **WOULD**

I _____ with my parents when I was a child.

6 He worked in Africa many years ago. He doesn't any more. **USED**

He _____ in Africa.

7 They washed the dishes every night after school. **WOULD**

They _____ the dishes every night after school.

F) Put the verb in brackets in the correct form:

Jake **regretted** 1 _____ (not work) harder to pass his exams. He didn't study hard enough to go to university because he couldn't **stop** 2 _____ (go) out with his friends when he should have been studying. However, he **remembers** one of his teachers 3 _____ (say) that it was never too late to learn new things. So when he was **offered** the chance 4 _____ (sail) around the world, he said yes **without** 5 _____ (think) twice. The boat owner **promised** 6 _____ (teach) him all about boats and sailing and **made** him 7 _____ (do) everything over and over again until he could do it perfectly. Although it **took** him ages 8 _____ (get) it right, he finally succeeded. Now he has his own boat charter business in the Caribbean and has an amazing life.

G) Write the ordinary adjective plus its extreme version:

1. "Was the test _____?" --- "It was _____." (*Not easy*)
2. Percy was the only one who passed the test, he's more than _____,
he's _____ (*clever*)
3. "I'm not _____, I'm _____! She broke my computer!" (*Annoyed*)
4. "Her cakes are _____, but Pat's cakes are _____!" (*Having a pleasant flavour*)
5. "Summer is coming and days are really _____, in a month's time temperatures will probably reach 37 degrees and days will be _____." (*High temperature*)

3) Listening:

You will hear an interview with a young actor called Danny Fisher talking about his relationships during his career. For questions 1 – 7, choose the best answer (A, B or C) T.1.4 Maximiser.

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| <p>1. How does Danny feel about his family?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Glad that he came from a big family.b. Grateful for the support of his parentsc. Happy that his parents wanted him to be an actor. <p>2. What does Danny say about his relationships at school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. They were difficult to maintain.b. They helped him deal with life outside school.c. They were upsetting because of the attitude of others. <p>3. Danny thinks that being rich and famous is...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Better than he'd been toldb. Fun because he has money to spendc. Different from what other people think <p>4. What does Danny say about his relationships with the people he works with?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. They were sometimes rude to him.b. They are very critical of his actingc. They change his mental attitude. | <p>5. Danny says his best friend is important to him because of her...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Approach to her work.b. Attitude to othersc. Acting ability <p>6. How does Danny feel about his life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. He is angry that others criticise him.b. He is sorry he didn't have a normal childhood.c. He is pleased that he has earned a lot of money. <p>7. What is Danny's attitude towards winning awards?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. He finds it embarrassingb. He thinks he does not deserve themc. He dislikes the whole awards system. |
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