Family and friends

Premium | Unit 03

Vocabulary | personality

1 Match the adjectives in the box with their opposites 1–8.

bossy caring cheerful hard-working relaxed reliable shy sociable

1 selfish _____
2 lazy _____
3 nervous _____
4 outgoing _____
5 passive _____
6 timid _____
7 unreliable _____
8 depressed _____

2 Complete the sentences with some of the words in Exercise 1.

1 She doesn't work very hard. In fact she's rather _____.
2 He's very _____. Nothing seems to worry him.
3 She's always telling people what to do. She's so _____.
4 He never thinks about anyone but himself. He's really _____.
5 She always has a smile on her face. She's very _____.
6 He's not very _____ and doesn't often mix with other people. He prefers his own company.
7 He's very _____ at the moment. I think he is unhappy at work.
8 She's very _____. She always thinks about other people's feelings.
9 Calm down! It's only an interview. Try not to be so _____.
10 She's not very confident when she talks to other people. She's rather shy and _____.

3 Complete the definitions with words for family and friends.

1 The woman I married – my _____.
2 My mother's sister – my _____.
3 The man my mother married after my parents divorced – my _____.
4 The people I work with – my _____.
5 My sister's son – my _____.
6 The man who lives next door – my _____.

4 T.10 Listen to the speakers. Who are they talking about?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

5 T.10 Listen again. Which adjectives do they use to describe people? Tick (✓) the adjectives in the box in Exercise 1 you hear.

Reading

1 Look at the title and introduction to the text and answer the question.

Susana and Jessica are

A colleagues. B old friends. C sisters.

FRIENDS FOR YEARS

Jessica Drew met Susana Richards at primary school, aged five.

We're very different people. I've been a full-time wife and mother while Susana has enjoyed a career. But this difference between us has never really mattered. I feel that I can talk to her about just about anything.

We were inseparable at school. I am an only child but Susana has two brothers and three sisters so I was always round at her house to play. I got on well with her parents, too. I missed her very much when she moved away, first to university and then to Birmingham to take up a nursing post. If I had one wish it would be for us to live closer together. We're on the phone to each other most evenings. Sadly though, we don't get together as often as we would like. But on the rare occasions we actually do meet up we're like kids all over again, laughing and giggling. We go to the cinema or out for a meal and talk about old times and how things used to be.

I wasn't very academic at school, but Susana has always encouraged me. I remember sitting in our front room doing our homework together – she helped me with the difficult maths problems. Most of my other memories of school are of us climbing trees and chasing each other in the park.

Our roles have completely changed over the years. I used to be the chatty outgoing one and Susana was the quiet one when we were younger. She was a shy, serious girl back then and not very sure of herself. I helped her see the funny side of things. I've always been an

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