

Read the text

My name is Nick. I'd like you to meet the best friends of mine — Brenda, Alex, Serge, Julia, Linda and Rhone. They are really interesting. So what are they like?

Brenda says: «I'm a very determined person and I've got a pretty good idea about my future, that's why I think it's very important to study well».

Well, what will Alex say? Alex: «Perhaps I'm a bit of an individualist, always doing what really interests me. I always try to find some excuse not to go to parties and if I go I don't mix with the crowd. I like to use the computer, but only for work. I'm interested in lots of things and always want to learn something new».

Now let's listen to Serge: «I'm an extroverted and happy person, that's why I have a lot of friends. I love music with rhythms you can dance to».

What about Julia? «Well, I think that in life you've got to think about others, not only study or have fun. I don't understand why my friends do piercing or cut their hair into strange shapes trying to show off their self-identity. For me, what is really important is to give a hand to those who need it. I like to care about others, and I'm also rather reliable».

Well, Linda thinks she is trendy and stylish: «I like to look smart and attractive, so I enjoy wearing elegant clothes. For me it's very important to follow fashion. Maybe in future I'll make a career as a fashion designer».

And now the last, but not the least — Rhone. «I'm very energetic. I like sports and games, I'm fond of the Internet, I help my daddy in his work and mum with my little brother. My parents say I'm rather ambitious — and that may be true as I want to be successful in life».

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Match the young people's names (1–5) to their characteristics (a–f).

There is one choice you don't need to use.

- 1) Brenda
- 2) Alex
- 3) Serge
- 4) Julia
- 5) Linda

- a) An energetic person who is fond of the Internet.
- b) This person likes to look smart and stylish.
- c) A determined person with a strong idea about the future.
- d) This person is interested in learning and computers.
- e) A sociable and happy person.
- f) This person doesn't think that piercing or a strange haircut is a good way to show off his/her self-identity.

2

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

catch trustworthy outgoing let caring

- 1) You should tell your secrets only to a _____ friend.
- 2) Let me _____ you up on all the news.
- 3) Jane has an _____ personality — she is sociable, friendly and responsive to others.
- 4) My parents believe in me — and I don't want to _____ them down.
- 5) My grandma is a wonderful person, very gentle and _____.

3

Complete the sentences with *as...as* or *not so...as*.

- 1) Oxford is _____ big _____ London.
- 2) Tower Bridge in London was built more than 100 years ago. It is _____ old _____ the Tower of London.
- 3) A car is _____ fast _____ a plane.
- 4) Her cake is delicious! She is _____ good at cooking _____ her mother.
- 5) In Ukraine the weather in May is _____ warm _____ in **Poland**.

