Reading

Different is good

1 **Look at the photos. Guess the boys' personalities?**

1 *James / Harry* is talkative.
2 *James / Harry* is shy.
3 *James / Harry* is funny.



James



Harry

James and Harry are thirteen years old. They go to school together, they're in the same class, and they play basketball together. They are best friends.

In some ways they're very similar. Harry is slim and has got dark hair. James is slim and has got dark hair, too. But in other ways, they're very different. Their personalities are not the same. James is more talkative than Harry and he loves making new friends. Harry is shy, but he's funnier than James. The biggest difference is that James uses a wheelchair.

Every Friday, the two boys play basketball for the school.
'We're playing a mixed match this evening,' Harry says.

'You mean boys and girls on the same team?' I ask.
'No, some players are in wheelchairs and some aren't. Harry is our best player.' James says.
'It's not always easy in a wheelchair,' James says. 'For example, it's difficult to open doors in a wheelchair, and when I'm sitting in it, I'm shorter than my friends. I hate people talking over my head. When this happens, I feel angry, but Harry is great. He's very cheerful and that helps me,' he says.

Harry and James like their school. Some students have disabilities and some students don't, but they all respect and help each other.
'We're different, but different is good,' they both say.

Key Words

similar	wheelchair	mixed
match	help	disabilities

2 **Read and check your answers to Exercise 1.**

3 2.23 **Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?**

1 Harry and James are really good friends. *T*
2 Some basketball players at James and Harry's school use wheelchairs.
3 Boys and girls play on the same team in a mixed match.
4 James is a better basketball player than Harry.
5 James hates it when people talk over him in his wheelchair.

4 2.23 **Read the article again. Answer the questions.**

1 Why are James and Harry similar?
They are slim and have got dark hair.
2 Why are they different?
3 Why is it difficult for James to use a wheelchair?
4 Why does James feel angry sometimes?
5 Is James and Harry's school only for people with disabilities?

Listening

1 2.24 **Listen to the interview. Choose the correct options.**

1 Toby *knows / doesn't know* his personality type.
2 Toby doesn't like *people / parties*.
3 Irena is *happy / unhappy* when her family and friends are happy.
4 Irena enjoys *giving / getting* presents.
5 Elsa *always feels / doesn't always feel* the same.
6 Carl doesn't like *studying / going out with friends*.

2 2.24 **Listen again. Match the people (1–4) to the correct personality adjectives (a–d).**

1 Toby	a moody
2 Irena	b generous
3 Elsa	c lazy
4 Carl	d shy

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