

#### Exercise 4

*Read the information. Then look at the paragraph from the text. Find words in the text in bold that have a similar meaning to the words in the statement in question 1. Write the words.*

When you know which part of the paragraph to read in detail, look for words in the statement which paraphrase information from the paragraph.

According to popular theory, a person's birth order – whether they are the first, second or last child to be born in a family – has a large influence on determining their eventual personality. First-born children, it has been claimed, tend to be more dominant, perhaps going on to achieve more in life. Last-born children may become more self-centred and attached to their parents, tending to be 'always the baby' throughout their lives. **Only children, who have neither brothers nor sisters, may become more self-confident due to the fact that they have their parents' undivided attention. This, however, may cause them to have difficulty in understanding others.**

1. People with no siblings may have both positive and negative characteristics.  
people with no siblings: \_\_\_\_\_  
positive characteristic: \_\_\_\_\_  
negative characteristic: \_\_\_\_\_