

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: _____