3 GRAMMAR *have*: auxiliary or main verb?

a With a partner, look at the groups of sentences 1–4. Answer the three questions for each group.

- Are all the options possible?
- Is there any difference in meaning or register?
- Is *have* a main verb or an auxiliary verb?

1 I **haven't got** time
I **don't have** time
I **haven't** time
to see my family often.

2 I'**ve been making** loads of food.
I'**ve made** loads of food.
We're having a family dinner tonight.

3 **Have** we **got to**
Do we **have to**
dress up for the party, or is it just family?

4 I'**ve had** a portrait **painted**
I'**ve painted** a portrait
of our children.

c With a partner, for each of the sentences below say if it's true for you or not, and why.

- I can't stand having my photo taken, and I'd hate to have my portrait painted.
- I've got lots of friends online, but I only have a few close friends that I see regularly face-to-face.
- I've never wanted to leave home. I really like living with my family.
- I'm the most competitive person in my family. Whenever I play a sport or game, I always have to win.
- I've got to try to get out more. I think I spend too much time at home.
- I have a few possessions that are really important to me and that I would hate to lose.
- I've been arguing a lot with my family recently.

4 VOCABULARY personality

a Look at the adjectives that describe personality below. With a partner, say if you consider them to be positive or negative qualities, and why. Would you use any of them to describe yourself?

affectionate assertive bossy curious easy-going loyal moody outgoing rebellious reliable sensible sensitive stubborn

POSITIVE	NEGATIVE