Check and reflect

1 a Choose the correct alternatives.

1 My grandmother's an old woman but she looks *young/short*.
2 My brother's got a *long/tall*, thin face.
3 I have *short/tall*, dark hair.
4 My sister is very *short/long*.
5 My boyfriend thinks he's *long/tall* but I think he's average-height.
6 What does your sister *look/look like*?

b Work in pairs. Which of the sentences in Exercise 1a are true for you? Change the others so they're true.

2 Complete the sentences with *was(n't)* or *were(n't)*.

1 I _____ happy yesterday, but today I am.
2 We _____ in Mexico for our holiday last summer, it was great.
3 _____ you at home last night?
4 They _____ at the office yesterday because they _____ at a conference.
5 The teacher _____ here yesterday because she _____ on holiday.

3 a Make questions using the prompts. Add *was* or *were*.

1 Where / you / born?
2 you / always happy / when you / a child?
3 What / your favourite subject / school?
4 What / your favourite food / when you / a child?
5 your teachers / polite / school?
6 your dad / good cook / when you / a child?

b Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions.

4 Complete the text with the adjectives in the box.

boring clever friendly funny kind lazy quiet

I have a big family, and everyone's very different. My dad's thinks he's very [1]_____, but only he laughs. But really his jokes are old and [2]_____ – nobody laughs! My mum's very [3]_____. She loves talking to new people and has lots of friends. My older sister Diyah is at university doing a PhD. She's very [4]_____ and always was. My other sister Lia is the opposite. She never does any work and often just sits around. She's very [5]_____. What about me? I'm [6]_____ because I don't say much but I try to be [7]_____ and help other people when they need it.

5 Correct the mistakes in six of the sentences.

1 She can't to drive a car.
2 He cans play piano.
3 They can speak three languages.
4 Do you can bake a cake?
5 I can't playing chess.
6 You can fix a flat tyre?
7 Can you count to ten in Indonesian?
8 We can all to climb a tree.

6 a Think of three members of your family. Choose an adjective to describe each one and write a sentence to say why they're like this.

My brother. Lazy. He always sits on the sofa.

b Work in pairs. Tell your partner your sentences. Guess the adjective.

A: *My brother always sits on the sofa.*
B: *Lazy?*
A: *Yes!*

7 a Complete the questions with the verbs in the box.

bake cook drive fix play (x2) speak spell

1 Can you _____ a flat tyre?
2 Do you _____ another language?
3 How often do you _____ a cake?
4 What words can't you _____ in English?
5 Do you know how to _____ chess?
6 Can you _____ a car?
7 How often do you _____ a meal for someone else?
8 Can you _____ a musical instrument?

b Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 7a.

8 a Write sentences about yourself using *can* or *can't* and the words and phrases in the box.

cook a meal draw drive a car
play a musical instrument play chess run 1 km
sing speak another language swim

I can cook.
I can't drive a car.

b Work in pairs and compare your sentences. Ask questions to find out more information.

A: *I can cook.*
B: *What's your favourite dish?*
A: *I like sushi. I love Japanese food.*

Reflect

How confident do you feel about the statements below? Write 1–5 (1 = not very confident, 5 = very confident).

- I can describe people's appearance.
- I can describe an experience.
- I can describe my skills.
- I can make and respond to requests.

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