

B Read the text quickly. What is Laura's family situation? Is she sad about it?

Long-distance families

Are you part of a 'long-distance' family? Are your brothers or sisters in a different city or country? Are you a long way from your parents or children? Tell us your stories.



Laura Wickham

Hi! My name's Laura. My husband Seamus and I are long-distance parents! We live in Cork in Ireland. Our daughter Amy is 30 years old and she's in Australia. Our son Conor is 26 years old and he's in the USA.

Amy and Conor are a long distance from us, but their lives are very interesting. Amy's an IT worker in Perth. Her husband Pete is from there. He's an engineer. Pete is Australian. Conor's a surfing teacher in Los Angeles. He loves California and its beautiful beaches, so it's his dream job! Conor's girlfriend Nicole is a Hollywood actor ... well, that's her dream. At the moment, she's a waitress.

We're on Skype a lot with our children, but it's difficult with the time differences. Am I sad that they're so far away? Sometimes, but the important thing is that they're happy.

4 Read the text again. Match the information with the people.

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| 1 This person is 30 years old. | a Seamus |
| 2 This person is a waitress. | b Amy |
| 3 This person lives in Cork. | c Pete |
| 4 This person is a surfing teacher. | d Conor |
| 5 This person is Australian. | e Nicole |