


# A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

***Read the text and answer questions 1-10 by choosing sections A-D.***

*In romantic relationships, they say 'opposites attract'. But what about relationships with parents, brothers, sisters, colleagues at work or friends at school? This week some of our readers tell us about the important people in their lives.*

**A TWINS**

Ian: We're twins — and we get on really well — I think we're probably closer than most brothers and sisters. Our friends are surprised when they find out that Eva and I are twins, and I suppose that's because they think we will be the same sort of people.

Eva: And we aren't, not at all. Ian's always very quiet and kind of shy. You know, we go to parties most weekends, but he just talks with people he already knows. You're smiling Ian, but I'm telling the truth. And I'm just the opposite. Ian often complains that I never stop talking, but I love chatting to new people and finding out all about them. I'm much more outgoing.

**B BEST FRIENDS**

Ned: I think that old friends are the best, and Sam and I have always been friends since we were five. Now we've gone different ways — he's doing a degree in chemistry, and that suits him because he has quite a scientific mind and he's very practical. I'm at art school, and I'd love to be a painter. If that doesn't work out maybe I'll go round the world or become a musician — I don't mind as long as I can be creative and have a bit of adventure. We don't see each other much, but we do get together once in a while and it's like we haven't been apart at all. With old friends, it doesn't matter how long you spend apart, when you meet again that special relationship is always there.

**C WORKMATES**

Flora: I'm a singer and I've had a couple of hit singles, my album is selling well, and I'm getting more and more work. But I couldn't do any of this without Tim. He's more than a manager, he's a really good friend too. I'm not a business person — I'm too emotional and sensitive. I can't make difficult decisions, but that's where Tim is so good. He's so clear-headed, in any situation he can make a decision right away. And he never upsets people because he's so open and honest.

**D FLATMATES**

Paula: Jane and I share a flat, but we're complete opposites. Look at the way we found this flat. She went to different agents, made lists of all the advantages and disadvantages and so on. I turned up, said it seemed fine and we moved in. That's not to say that I rely on her all the time. It's good that she is organised, of course, but she also benefits from me too. I'm spontaneous, I do things on the spur of the moment like invite people back to our flat for a party. That makes her panic because she's so cautious, but I think she secretly enjoys it. Her life's much more fun with me around.

***Which section (A-D) mentions:***

1. someone who wants to travel?
2. a successful musician?
3. someone who enjoys meeting people?
4. someone who can make decisions quickly?
5. a person who plans things carefully?
6. two people who live in the same apartment?
7. a person who is studying science?
8. someone who sometimes criticises the other person?
9. two people who are related?
10. a work relationship?