

Reading

3 Read the letter to a magazine and for questions 1–7, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- 1 How does Emily describe her sister?
A bossy
B moody
C selfish
- 2 What annoys Emily about the way her sister talks to her?
A She's polite, but doesn't mean it.
B She speaks very loudly.
C She's very rude.
- 3 What does Emily's sister take from her bedroom?
A clothes
B accessories
C footwear
- 4 When does Emily's sister give back the things she takes?
A a week later
B one day later
C the same day
- 5 How does Emily describe most big sisters?
A polite
B cheerful
C helpful
- 6 What does Emily sometimes ask for advice about?
A boys
B her homework
C medical problems

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Dear Teen Lives,

The Top 3 Annoying Things My Big Sister Does

Number 1 Tells me what to do all the time

My big sister says things like, 'It's your turn to help Mum and Dad with the dinner – can you go and do it now?' It's bad enough that she orders me around, but she never says 'please' or 'thank you' either! And she uses this horrible pretending-to-be-an-adult voice. It's so irritating!

Number 2 Takes my things without asking

Every time I look in my jewellery box to choose something to wear, the necklace or the earrings I want are not there. Guess who's got them! When I ask her about it, she says 'What? I don't know what you're talking about.' I don't know why, but she doesn't return them on the same day, or even the day after. She seems to like waiting for about a week before they appear back in my jewellery box like magic!

Number 3 Gives stupid answers when I ask for advice

I think many big sisters like giving advice – they have more experience and enjoy teaching younger sisters about life. Not mine! I never ask for advice about school work – I don't need to. When I ask about boys, though, she says 'You don't need to know. You're much too young!' Or she tries to be funny and says 'I don't know. Go and ask a doctor!'

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3 For questions 1–7, complete the blog by choosing the correct sentence, A–J. There are two sentences you do not need to use.

- A He tried to make burger and fries, but they were so burned I couldn't eat them.
- B I love playing football, but it started raining.
- C I wish my friends sent me more instant messages!
- D The person in front of me took the last piece of my favourite – pizza!
- E Finally, I couldn't watch my favourite TV programme.
- F I'm happy I didn't have to go to the doctor, though.
- ~~G First of all, things went wrong at school.~~
- H I had to charge the battery, but then mum said it was bedtime.
- I But the internet stopped working in all the classrooms.
- J I really hate having my teeth checked!

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I didn't have a good day yesterday! ⁰ G I tried to look up some information for my homework project. ¹ _____. It's a shame because I really like the topic – technology in the past. Anyway, then we had sport. ² _____. I got very wet!

After that, I went for lunch. I wanted something nice to make me feel better. ³ _____. Oh well!

After school, Mum and Dad took me to the dentist. ⁴ _____. At least I didn't have any problems with them. Then Dad made the dinner, which is always a bit of a disaster!

⁵ _____. We all had sandwiches in the end!

⁶ _____. Dad decided he wanted to watch some terrible programme about a famous scientist. I went to watch some video clips instead on my tablet but it didn't work.

⁷ _____. Sometimes I really hate gadgets!