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Text 1 **A** *Read the poem.*

My family

Sometimes families drive people crazy,
But mine is always there for me.
They're the people I love best.
They're my fantastic family!

My brother Tom studies at HKU.
He's the most intelligent person I know.
He's patient when I don't understand.
My brother is my hero!

My sister's hobby is chatting.
She always has something to say.
She doesn't get angry, she's so relaxed.
Nothing can spoil Sally's day!

My mum is very considerate.
She takes care of us all.
In her free time she loves shopping.
Her favourite place is the mall!

My dad works hard at the office
But he reads me a story each night.
He listens to my problems and
Tells me everything will be alright.

By Joe Lam, aged 9

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B Read the poem again and answer the questions.

1 Who is the cleverest person in Joe's family? Underline the sentence that tells you this.

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2 'All' (line 14) rhymes with 'mall' (line 16). _____
Read lines 17–20. Which word rhymes with 'night'?

C Blacken ● the circles.

1 Joe's sister is ____ . (You can choose more than one answer.)

○ A. humorous ○ B. talkative
○ C. considerate ○ D. easy-going

2 Read lines 13–16. Which of these sentences is NOT true about Joe's mum?

○ A. She always thinks of what her family need.
○ B. She does a lot of things for her family.
○ C. She enjoys buying things.
○ D. She never has any free time.

3 Why does Joe tell us his dad reads him a story each night?

○ A. to tell us his dad is busy
○ B. to show his dad can read
○ C. to tell us his dad is tired
○ D. to show they are close to each other

☆ 4 Read lines 1–2. 'Drive someone crazy' means ____ .

○ A. go to places by car ○ B. make someone angry
○ C. look after someone ○ D. say nice things

Read the neighbouring sentences to help you guess the meaning of an unknown phrase. Pay attention to the word 'But'.

☆ 5 In this poem, Joe tells us ____ . (You can choose more than one answer.)

○ A. why his family members are great
○ B. what his family members like doing together
○ C. what his family members are like
○ D. what his family members look like

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