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A. Read the passage and answer the questions.

The Biggest Smile in Football

He's one of the most expensive footballers in the world. He's been FIFA World Player of the Year, and he's played for the world's best teams. He's been his country's national hero since 1999 Copa America but he came from a poor home in Porto Alegre, Brazil. His name is Ronaldinho.

Ronaldinho has become a rich man in the last few years, but his childhood was **tough**. His father died when he was only eight, and that's when he developed a **passion** for football. When he was seventeen, Ronaldinho **joined** a local club, Gremio, and he played in the Brazilian national team later that year. In 2003, FC Barcelona paid a transfer fee of €27,000,000 for him. That's expensive, but Ronaldinho is a star player. Ronaldinho doesn't just care about football, though.

Racism is a big problem in Europe, and it's especially common in football. In 2004, the French international, Thierry Henry, started a campaign against racism in football with a group of famous footballers, including Ronaldinho.

Football fans around the world saw the TV adverts for their "*Stand up, Speak up*" Campaign. Fans who want to join the anti-racism campaign can buy a pair of black and white wristbands. There are separate campaigns in most European countries, for example, "Kick It Out" in Britain and "Unidos Contra el Racismo" in Spain. Fame hasn't changed Ronaldinho and he still loves relaxing with friends and playing samba music. And he has never forgotten his family, either. His sister and brother both work for him, and his mother visits regularly from Brazil. It's perfect,' he explains.



1. **What was Ronaldinho's childhood like?**

2. **When did he become famous?**

3. **How can fans fight racism?**

4. **How does Ronaldinho spend his time?**

5. **What is his relationship with his family like?**

B) Complete the text with the verbs in the correct tense

Sarah Pearson is a nurse and every winter holidays she _____ (go) to the mountains with her family; but this winter they _____ (travel) to visit their family. At the moment they _____ (prepare) their clothes for the trip. Now her mother _____ (cook) the food for the journey.

Last holidays they _____ (go) by plane but this time they _____ (drive) a car. They _____ (not travel) by plane since then. They are happy because they _____ (already/get) the car ready for the journey. Next year they _____ (go) to the beach with some friends.