

B1 Reader "JAMES"

Read the text and do the multiple choice.

My name is James. I'm fourteen and I moved to this town with my family three months ago. My parents lived here when they were young, but my brother and I didn't know anyone here except a few aunts and uncles we'd met when we'd spent a couple of weeks with my grandparents, during school holidays. When I started school, one of my cousins, Sophie, who was in my class, was very friendly for the first week and I was happy to have a friend in a strange place. Then, for no reason, she stopped talking to me and I felt very hurt and lonely for several weeks.



In the end I made some more friends and since I got to know them, I've been fine. Now Sophie is having a disco party for her birthday next week and she has invited me. I don't want to go. My brother says he heard someone say she only asked me because her parents said she had to. But my mum and dad say it would be rude not to accept. Some of my new friends are invited, too. How can I show Sophie that she can't behave so badly towards me without causing a family quarrel?

1 What is the writer trying to do in the text?

- A explain a problem
- B describe a family
- C offer advice
- D refuse an invitation

2 Who did James know in the town six months ago?

- A no one
- B a few relatives
- C only his grandparents
- D Sophie's Friends

3 At the beginning of term, Sophie's behaviour made the writer feel

- A embarrassed
- B unhappy
- C grateful
- D surprised

4 The writer wants Sophie to realize

- A that he still hasn't forgiven her
- B that her friends think she behaved rudely
- C that his parents dislike her
- D that she has fewer friends than he has

5 Which of these is an answer to the text?

- A Ask your friends to come with you and we can all have a good time together.
- B Why not go the party and ask Sophie why she stopped being friendly? At least everyone will know what's happening.
- C Please phone my parents and explain the situation to them, so that they'll stop worrying.
- D What about cooking a meal with Sophie and inviting all your relatives? That will be a good way to stop them quarreling.