1 Look at the photo. Why do you think Ella is angry with her sister? Read the blog quickly to check your answer.



a because she shares the same room
b because she never leaves her alone
c because she borrows her clothes

Ella's blog

BLOG ABOUT ME SEARCH

Hi everyone!

Generally speaking I'm enjoying life as a teenager, but there are times when it really gets me down. It's great that my parents are giving me a bit more independence. I have a really good group of friends and I see them two or three times a week. We go swimming every weekend, too. That's the good part. But one part of my life is definitely getting worse – and that's my relationship with my younger sister, Hanna. It is becoming an absolute nightmare. She's two years younger than me, but she wants to do exactly the same things as I do. That means she wants to have the same hairstyle as I have, she copies my clothes, she even wears the same make-up as me. And sometimes she makes me furious because she borrows my clothes without asking. I hate it. In fact, while I'm writing this blog I can see her from my room. She's in the back garden and she's wearing my white T-shirt and jeans, which are now really dirty because she's lying on her back in the grass. My parents know about this because I always tell them, but they don't understand. They think it's fine. They say my sister's younger than me so I need to be kind to her. But they're my clothes and it's my room. It's private!

I also have an older brother, Jimmy, who is really great. He goes to a different school because he's older, but he always helps me with my homework if it's difficult. My laptop sometimes breaks and he repairs it for me. He loves playing computer games and he often lets me play, too. We get on very well. Hanna never goes into his room or takes his things. I know she doesn't want his clothes. But she doesn't even go in there to borrow a pen or some paper – or play a computer game while he's out. Why me???

2 Read the blog again and choose the best answers.

1 Ella is quite happy at the moment because …
a she's got more freedom than before.
b she likes going out with her family.
c she's getting on well with her school work.

2 Ella's sister wants …
a to use Ella's laptop all the time.
b to look just like Ella.
c to copy all Ella's work.

3 Ella gets angry because …
a her parents always agree with her sister.
b she has to share a room with her sister.
c her parents don't buy her new clothes.

4 Ella's brother is …
a unkind to her sister.
b good with computers.
c away at university a lot.

5 Which would be the best title for the blog?
a My brother's amazing!
b My parents don't understand me!
c My sister's annoying!

3 CRITICAL THINKING

Which of these statements are good (G) and which bad (B) advice for Ella?

1 Shout at your sister so she doesn't do it again. G/B
2 Borrow some of her clothes and throw them away. G/B
3 Tell your parents every time she takes something. G/B
4 Talk to her and say she can borrow some things, but not others. G/B
5 Put a lock on your door so no one can go in. G/B
6 Give her some of your old clothes. G/B
7 Offer her style advice. G/B

4 Match the underlined words in the blog with the definitions.

1 makes me upset _____
2 very angry _____
3 a big problem _____
4 uses something that belongs to someone else, then gives it back later _____
5 fixes something broken _____

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words or phrases from 4.

1 If I get bad results in a test it _____.
2 I've got to rewrite an essay for the teacher. It's an _____.
3 My mum was _____ when Dad crashed her car.
4 When I dropped my mobile phone on the floor, it was impossible to _____ it.
5 I don't like to _____ money from friends.

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