

READING

3 Read the passages opposite about communication with friends and family. Decide if the sentences are True (A) or False (B). If there is not enough information to decide, choose Doesn't say (C).

- 1 Martin's father points his finger at Martin when he's angry.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 2 Martin's mum finds the finger pointing funny.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 3 Martin gets on best with his father.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 4 Martin's dad gets annoyed when his sisters don't do their homework.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 5 Melanie and Beth rarely chat to their friends.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 6 Melanie and Beth usually communicate with their dad by text.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 7 Beth isn't as chatty as her sister.
A True B False C Doesn't say

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MARTIN

I don't like it when someone points a finger at me while they are talking, but my dad always does that when he's talking to me. He thinks that he's stressing the importance of what he's saying, but I just stop listening. My mum shrugs her shoulders when he does this and looks me in the eye and smiles. It's something my dad can't change so it's become a bit of a family joke.

I get on really well with both my parents, but not with my two sisters, who seem to spend most of their time instant messaging their friends and not speaking at all. They see each other all day at school and they are texting or messaging all evening if they aren't together. Dad gets very annoyed with my sisters because they make funny facial expressions when he starts shouting at them for not doing their homework.

Dad and I go fishing every Sunday afternoon, and although we don't speak much, I feel we communicate in other ways. I think the best way for me to communicate with others is through my music. I write songs and play the guitar and I love playing for my friends. They're always surprised that someone like me who is usually so quiet, has got such a lot to say in music.

MELANIE

My brother, Martin, doesn't really chat to his friends very much, but he's a very good singer. Beth, my sister, and I are always talking to our friends or texting them. Sometimes we drive Dad mad because we are always looking at our phones, and he raises his voice and points his finger and then we both look at each other and laugh.

Beth and I use a lot of hand gestures when we talk, but we don't do what Dad does. We move our arms around as if we are trying to draw a picture of what we are saying. Martin finds this funny and starts copying us. I guess it's a family thing, using our hands. Beth is the chattier of us two sisters and sometimes we talk at the same time and no one can understand us.