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LISTENING ACTIVITY-LEVEL 4

BEFORE YOU LISTEN

EXPLORE YOUR IDEAS Do you think the first child in a family has different personality traits from those of siblings who are born later? Explain your answer.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

A (4:10) LISTEN FOR MAIN IDEAS Read the statements. Then listen to all three parts of the discussion. Choose the statement that best expresses the main idea of the discussion.

- ☐ First-born children are often too critical of themselves.
- ☐ Children in the same family usually have personalities that are determined by order of birth.
- ☐ Children usually have personalities that are determined by genes.

B (4:11) LISTEN FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION Read the exercise. Then listen to each part of the discussion again separately. Complete the exercise as you listen.

Part 1: Check True or False for each statement.

	True	False
1 Brian is usually dissatisfied with himself.	☐	☐
2 Brian obeys rules.	☐	☐
3 Brian does most things well.	☐	☐
4 Brian's mother thinks her husband pushed Brian to be successful.	☐	☐
5 Brian never liked being with adults when he was growing up.	☐	☐

Part 2: Complete each statement by circling the correct information.

1 Annie is (the middle child / the "baby").
2 Annie had (a lot of / only a little) time with her parents before her younger sister was born.
3 Annie is jealous of (Brian / Brian and Lucy).
4 Annie (breaks / obeys) rules.

Part 3: Circle the answer to each question.

1 How old was Annie when Lucy was born?
a 13 years
b 13 months

2 What does Lucy like most?
a making other people laugh
b laughing at other people

3 What did Lucy do to the dining room wall?
a She painted it.
b She washed it.

4 Why does Lucy drive her older siblings crazy?
a She pays too much attention to them.
b Others pay too much attention to her.

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A 4:12 Listen to the conversations. Then circle a word or phrase to complete each statement.

1. Andy is feeling (down / happy).
2. Mollie is (an extrovert / an introvert).
3. Greg is (an extrovert / an introvert).
4. Millie thinks (genetics / the environment) is the most important factor in personality development.
5. Vera thinks (genetics / the environment) is the most important factor in personality development.

B Complete the paragraph with the correct prepositions.

Extroverts don't worry ..... (1) talking in public. They believe ..... (2) being honest, and they get bored ..... (3) being alone. They may talk ..... (4) staying home and reading a book, but when they do, they complain ..... (5) having no one to talk to. They object ..... (6) being by themselves.

C Complete each personal statement with a gerund or infinitive phrase.

1. When I want to stay healthy, I avoid .....
2. I really enjoy ..... on Saturdays and Sundays.
3. I wish other people would quit ..... in the movies.
4. Two things I can't stand are ..... and .....
5. On weekends, I dislike .....
6. If the weather is bad, I don't mind .....
7. Tomorrow I would really like .....
8. If I want to do well in this class, I need .....
9. Tomorrow I plan .....
10. I think most people are afraid of .....
11. I think people are usually excited about .....
12. Too many people complain about .....
13. My family worries most about .....

D Complete each statement. Circle the best answer.

1. John is such (an extrovert / an introvert). He doesn't like to talk about himself a lot.
2. Our usual pattern of behavior is our (personality / environment).
3. Another word for characteristics is (nurture / traits).
4. Many people believe that (self-criticism / birth order) affects personality development.
5. The nature-nurture controversy is an argument about the origin of the (environment / personality).

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