Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct alternative.

1 Here's a photo of me as a **child/baby**. I was just a few days old.

2 This is me as a **toddler/teenager** learning to walk.

3 Here's me at 16. I had lots of fun as a **teenager/ senior citizen**.

4 When I was a young **toddler/adult**, I got my first job in London.

5 When I'm a **senior citizen/middle-aged man** of 70, I can stop working.

2 Complete the sentences with the male or female form of the words in bold.

1 I still live at home with my **mother** and _____.

2 I don't like John's **brother**, but his _____ is really nice.

3 Our **nephews** and _____ are going to come to us for Christmas.

4 I'm going to stay with my **uncle** and _____ this weekend.

5 Mum's friend Jane has got two **sons** and two _____.

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3 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

divorced	extended	one-parent	only child	twin

1 I haven't got any brothers or sisters, but I quite like being an _____.

2 My cousin's marriage ended, so she's _____ now and wants to stay single.

3 My dad died when I was three, so I grew up in a _____ family with my mum.

4 Marie is my _____ sister – but I'm 45 minutes older than her.

5 Most of my _____ family – my aunts, cousins and brother in law – live in New Zealand.

4 Write the noun form of the words below.

1 improve _____

2 connect _____

3 enjoy _____

4 confident _____

5 explain _____

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Grammar

5 Complete the sentences using the present simple form of the verbs given.

1 When I have a problem with my bike, my dad usually _____ it. **(fix)**

2 My sister _____ to school in London. **(go)**

3 Jack sits in his room and just _____ TV all day. **(watch)**

4 My aunt's at your school – she _____ French and Italian. **(teach)**

5 Excuse me, _____ English? **(you/speak)**

6 Can I have an apple? I _____ ice cream. **(not/like)**

6 Read the dialogue. Choose the correct alternative.

Peter: Hi, Ms Jackson, is Dan in?

Ms Jackson: Hi Peter. No, I'm afraid he's not here. He **(a) plays/is playing** football.

Peter: Oh yes, of course – **(b) he goes/he is going** to football practice every Saturday, doesn't he?

Ms Jackson: Yes, but he usually **(c) gets/is getting** back at about 12. You can wait if you like.

Peter: Mmm, I haven't really got the time – but is Amelia here?

Ms Jackson: Yes, she's in her room. She **(d) does/is doing** her homework. I think she **(e) finishes/is finishing** a geography project for tomorrow. But is there a problem? Is something wrong?

Peter: Oh no. I just **(f) want/am wanting** to ask them both to my party next week.

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7 Complete the sentences with the verbs given. Put one verb in the present simple and the other verb in the present continuous.

1 I'm really sorry, but I _____ **(not understand)** what you _____ **(say)**. Can you speak a bit more slowly?

2 Oh look – it _____ **(snow)**! I _____ **(love)** it when it's cold like this.

3 I _____ **(know)** John's on holiday because he phoned me yesterday. He _____ **(have)** a lovely time.

8 Choose the correct alternative.

1 Our teacher went to Buckingham Palace and met **Queen/the Queen**.

2 Sue's a vegetarian, and she doesn't even eat **fish/the fish**.

3 My dad's **engineer/an engineer**. What does your dad do?

4 Jane gave me some milk to drink, but I dropped it and
a glass/the glass broke.

5 Have you got **a/an** iPhone?

6 Would you like to go out for **a coffee/the coffee** sometime?

7 I don't really like **oranges/the oranges**, or any kind of fruit, really.

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Use of English

9 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Are you the oldest child in your family, or the middle child or the youngest? Or maybe you are an **1** _____ child with no brothers and sisters. The interesting question is this – is there a **2** _____ between your position in the family and your personality? Some people **3** _____ strongly that there is, and say, for example, that oldest children are more serious than their younger brothers and sisters. And it may also be true that youngest children are more independent, because as they are growing **4** _____, they often get less attention from their parents.

Of course, no two children are the same – there are always **5** _____ between them, even if they are identical **6** _____ born on the same day. But there are other things that are just as important – for example, whether you grow up in a one – **7** _____ family or with both your mother and father. Your relationships with your immediate and extended family are also important. Your personality is **8** _____ complicated thing, and many different things make you the way you are.

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Listening

10 Listen to a girl giving a talk to her class. Choose the best alternative.

1 The island of Anuta is closest to **Australia/Tikopia**.

2 The population of Anuta is about **100/300** people.

3 Some of their **boats/trees** are more than 100 years old.

4 All the adults look after the **old people/children**.

5 They go to school in Anuta until they are **adults/12**.

6 Some younger Anutans leave the island **to study/to travel round the world**.

Score __/6

11 Listen to the talk again. Decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F)?

1 Anuta is in the Pacific Ocean. **T / F**

2 Anutans have no kind of money. **T / F**

3 When Anutans receive something, they must give something back. **T / F**

4 Anutan children do not always live with their mother. **T / F**

5 There is a school in Anuta. **T / F**

6 Most young people in Anuta want to get jobs abroad. **T / F**

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Reading

AN ACT OF KINDNESS

Two weeks ago, schoolgirl Lily Mason was taking her dog for a walk down the back streets of Salford, Manchester, when she passed a small house with a hand-written note in the window. She walked past, but something made her stop and go back. She read the note: *'My name is Stan Baker and I am 72. My wife died last year, and I am all alone. I have no friends and family. Please help if you can.'*

As soon as she saw the note, Lily wanted to help. She took a photo of the note and knocked on the door.

Stan says he was surprised – even shocked – when he opened the door to find Lily standing there with her dog. 'Life's very different when you're old,' says Stan. 'Don't get me wrong now, I'm not complaining. People are always polite to me, you know, they chat about the weather, they're nice like that. But they don't really want to know you, they don't want to be friends.'

But Lily was different. She wanted to hear the old man's story.

He is an only child and his father was in the army, so the family moved to different countries every few years. He went to lots of different schools, so never really had a place to call home. As an adult, he worked abroad, like his father, and then retired to England with his wife Polly. She was the love of his life, and they did everything together. When he lost her, he had nobody.

Lily saw that he had an old laptop and could use the Internet, so she posted the note from his window on social media. 'It was amazing,' says Lily. 'In the next few days, it was seen by more than 11 million people and we had 240,000 likes. Stan got messages of support from all over the world, hundreds of emails, letters from children, photos of pets and people offering to phone for a chat or call for a visit. Of course, things will get quieter in a few weeks, but I'm sure he will stay friends with some of these new people, and he will always have someone to talk to.'

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12 Read the article. In what order did these things happen?

A Stan received thousands of messages.

_____

B Stan's wife died. _____

C Lily put a photo onto the Internet. _____

D Stan talked to Lily about his life. _____

E Stan put a message in his window. _____

F Lily knocked on Stan's door. _____

Score __/6

13 Read the article again. Correct the following sentences. Write complete sentences.

1 Lily noticed Stan's message on the door.

_____

2 Stan says people like getting to know old people.

_____

3 Stan has brothers and sisters.

_____

4 Stan worked in England most of his life.

_____

5 Stan doesn't know about the Internet.

_____

6 There are now only a few people Stan can chat with.

_____

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