Listening skills practice: Describing people – exercises

Listen to the conversation and do the exercises to improve your listening skills.

Preparation: matching

Match the person with the correct description and write a–d next to the numbers 1–4.

1……..

a. She's got straight, ginger hair.

2……..

b. He's older and he's wearing glasses.

3……..

c. She's got black, curly hair.

4……..

d. He's got short, brown hair.

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1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Do this exercise while you listen. Circle the best word to complete these sentences.

1. Aurelia is asking about Hannah's boyfriend / brother / friend .
2. Hannah's brother, Jem, has long, brown hair / a girlfriend / a twin sister .
3. Hannah has one brother / two brothers / a brother and a sister .
4. Alex and Jem look different / look the same / have the same hair but different eyes .

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with the correct word.

1. That? Er, that's my _____, Jem.
2. And that's his girlfriend, Lucy. The _____ girl with the _____, _____ hair.
3. Alex and Jem are _____. They're both _____.
4. They're exactly the same! They're both _____ and _____.
5. They've both got _____, _____ hair, _____ eyes and _____ ears!
6. They're not big. I think they're _____!
7. And, has Alex got a _____?

Discussion
What do you look like?
What kind of hair have you got?
What colour eyes have you got?
Are you happy with your appearance? Why? Why not?

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