

LISTENING PART 4



05 You will hear an interview with psychologist Antonia Russo, who is talking about the influence of birth order on personality. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 What led Dr Russo to become interested in birth order and personality?
 - A her own two children
 - B her childhood experiences
 - C her role as a psychologist
- 2 One possible reason for the success of firstborn children is that
 - A they get more attention from their parents.
 - B they are naturally more gifted.
 - C they tend to be more interested in creative activities.
- 3 According to Dr Russo, the youngest child may
 - A have problems with their identity.
 - B be lacking in self-confidence.
 - C be good at getting their own way.
- 4 How did being the middle child affect Dr Russo?
 - A She became very close to her sisters.
 - B She didn't get noticed by her family.
 - C She sometimes went against her parents.
- 5 What does Dr Russo say about only children?
 - A They are generally the most spoilt.
 - B They share similar characteristics to firstborns.
 - C They are usually the best leaders.
- 6 What does Dr Russo think about the role that gender plays in influencing children's personalities?
 - A She feels that not enough research has been done in this area.
 - B She believes that parents need to consider this when raising their children.
 - C She doubts whether it affects the way that children develop.
- 7 Dr Russo sums up by saying that
 - A birth order strongly influences personality.
 - B the development of personality is complex.
 - C further studies on birth order are needed.

