

READING

1 Read the information about part of a school website. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Have you got something similar in your school?
- 2 What do you think of the idea?

BRYANS HIGH SCHOOL all.about.me

Would you like to meet other students at Bryans High School who share your hobbies and interests? It's easy with all.about.me.

- 1 Click [here](#) and create an account.
- 2 Post a photo and your profile – tell everyone about you, your interests and your plans.
- 3 Read about other students and click on 'Connect' to make new friends.

2 Three students have posted information on all.about.me. Read the profiles below and ignore any gaps. Match each person to one interest.

fashion fitness going to the cinema technology

Lucas

Grace

Alfie

3 Now read Alfie's profile again. Write ONE word for each gap.

4 Read the three profiles again. Write the correct name.

- 1 _____ is interested in doing a job related to his/her hobby.
- 2 _____ is looking forward to learning a new activity.
- 3 _____ is learning a new skill with help from a relative.
- 4 _____ agrees with other people about his/her personality.
- 5 _____ would like to go to another country.
- 6 _____ might get a prize soon.

5 Match the highlighted words and phrases in Lucas's and Grace's profiles with the meanings.

- 1 be involved in an activity, with other people
- 2 become better
- 3 someone with no brothers or sisters
- 4 write computer programs
- 5 be very interested in something
- 6 able to stay calm and not get angry, especially when something takes a long time

TALKING POINTS

Who would you most like to spend time with – Alfie, Lucas or Grace? Why?

Is it important to have the same interests as your friends? Why? / Why not?

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Hi everyone. I'm Lucas. I live with my parents, my sister and my two brothers. Some of my classmates think I'm quite serious, but I don't agree. I'm just a bit shy, and I'm quite independent. My main interest outside of school is computers and gaming. But I'm not just a gamer. Right now, I'm **taking part** in a competition for young game designers. So at weekends, I'm learning to **code** with my aunt. She's a professional coder. She's also a really **patient** teacher – I'm finding coding impossible at the moment!

CONNECT

Hello! I'm Grace. I live with my mum and dad. I'm an **only child** – so no brothers or sisters. My friends and family say I'm a cheerful person. And they're right. I think there's always something to smile about! In my free time, I'm **into** various typical teenage hobbies, but my favourite is sport. I'm in the school hockey and football teams. And this year I'm having tennis lessons. I'm really **making progress**, I think. In a few months, I'm going on a kayaking trip with my cousin. We've never done it before but we're really excited.

CONNECT

My name's Alfie. I live with my mum, dad and sister, Melissa, right opposite the school. I'm quite friendly and funny, but I ¹ _____ be quite serious at times, too. One ² _____ my biggest interests is film: thrillers, drama, science fiction – I don't mind. I like watching ³ _____ all. One day, I think I'd like to work ⁴ _____ film.

This year, I want to visit a film studio. There's ⁵ _____ near London where all eight Harry Potter films were made. My dream is ⁶ _____ fly to Hollywood and see a studio there.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING

- 1 Read this text about birth order quickly. Complete headings A–D with the words in the box.

Eldest child Middle child
Only child Youngest child

BIRTH ORDER

Some people believe your position in your family can change the kind of person you are. Which one are you?

A

You are very careful because you want to do everything right. You were first, so you are the example! You enjoy doing (1) _____ homework, making lists and planning. You (2) _____ like anything unexpected to happen.

B

You consider other people's feelings and hate it when people don't agree. You want (3) _____ to be happy. You're friends (4) _____ all your brothers' and sisters' friends. You can be really funny, too.

C

You never do anything wrong! You are (5) _____ baby of the family, and everyone loves you! You want everyone to watch you. You like people and people like you! Oh, and you really enjoy having surprises!

D

You prefer being with adults, not children your own age. You're good (6) _____ everything you do. You love reading and have a clear view of the world. You hate it when you don't succeed.

- 2 Read the text again. For questions 1–6 think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

- 3 Which 'child' do you think wrote these comments?

1 _____
I'm just like that. I hate birthdays for that reason – you never know if someone is going to suddenly do something that you didn't know about. I hate that.
Judith, Indonesia

2 _____
I don't know. I mean, I haven't got any brothers or sisters, but I've got a lot of cousins. I don't think that these things are always correct. I don't think they're true!
Cim, Turkey

3 _____
This one is sort of right – I mean, I have got a lot of friends, and people laugh with me at my jokes. But I don't really mind if people are unhappy – you can't be happy all the time!
Zé Miguel, Portugal

4 _____
I hate it when they say things like this! It's just not true! I'm not a baby! Grrrr!
Nini, Peru

- 4 Match the highlighted words in the text to their meanings.

- 1 certain or obvious _____
2 events that you didn't expect to happen _____
3 think carefully about something _____
4 organising something for the future _____

