

Listening

1. You will hear five short recordings. Listen and choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

- 1 You hear a boy talking about chores. What is he doing this month?
 - a loading the dishwasher
 - b sorting the recycling
 - c sweeping the floors
- 2 You hear a girl talking about money. What is her problem?
 - a She's short of cash.
 - b She doesn't have a bank account.
 - c She doesn't earn enough in her job.
- 3 You hear a girl talking about changes that have happened. What is new at the school?
 - a virtual classrooms
 - b touch-screen computers
 - c interactive whiteboards
- 4 You hear a girl talking about her friend Hannah. Which adjective best describes Hannah?
 - a easygoing
 - b reliable
 - c sensitive
- 5 You hear a boy talking about lessons on personal finance he's had at school. What is he going to do as a result of the lessons?
 - a start his own business
 - b spend his money more wisely
 - c open a savings bank account

2. Listen to five conversations. Choose the correct answers.

1. What do the two friends agree about the quiz?
 - a) Their studies help them get the answers.
 - b) It's not always easy to follow what's happening.
 - c) The actors taking part aren't good at lying.
2. How does the boy feel after reading the book?
 - a) worried about problems with recycling
 - b) optimistic about the future of solar power
 - c) impressed by the results of conservationists' work
3. What does the girl like most about the place where she goes on holiday?
 - a) It's got beautiful views.
 - b) It's near a beach.
 - c) It's very quiet.
4. What does the boy admire about Julia?
 - a) her ability to make friends with everyone
 - b) her determination to achieve her goals
 - c) her courage in difficult situations
5. What does the boy say about the lesson on law?
 - a) He suggests that they should read about it together.
 - b) He complains about how difficult it was.
 - c) He explains why he thinks the content will be useful.

Reading

3. Read this forum on friendship. Match the paragraph headings (a-f) to the paragraphs (1-5). There is one heading you don't need.

a Falling out

c Making friends

e Shared interests

b Making up

d Personal qualities

f Best friends

1

I'm really shy, so I've never found it easy to start talking to people. I remember my first day at school. Everyone was chatting away and I just stood on my own, wishing I was brave enough to go up to someone and say 'Hi'. Luckily, I ended up sitting next to a really nice girl and she helped me get over my shyness.

2

There are lots of characteristics which are important in a good friendship. For me, the most important thing is honesty. I need to know that my friend will always tell me the truth. And, of course, they should be there for you when you need them. I know I can always count on my close friends. And let's not forget, a sense of humour is important too!

3

It's good to have loads of things in common with your friends, but I don't think it's necessary to do everything together. I love sport but I also love playing the guitar, so I have some friends who are sporty and others who are into music. They know one another, but they don't necessarily hang out together.

4

I think I'm pretty easygoing and I don't like having arguments with my friends, but just recently I found out that my best friend had been saying things about me and yet when I asked her about it, she denied it, so we're not speaking to each other. I feel sad that I've lost my best friend, but I'm sure it won't last long.

5

I've known Josie for ever! People who don't know us, think that we must be sisters because we're always together and we even look the same. Dad's got a new job, which means we're going to have to move, so Josie and I won't be able to see each other very often. At least we can call each other, but it won't be the same. I really hope that we don't lose touch.