

Ella's blog

Hi everyone!

Generally speaking I'm enjoying life as a teenager, but there are times when it really **gets me down**. It's great that my parents are giving me a bit more independence. I have a really good group of friends and I see them two or three times a week. We go swimming every weekend, too. That's the good part. But one part of my life is definitely getting worse – and that's my relationship with my younger sister, Hanna. It is becoming an **absolute nightmare**. She's two years younger than me, but she wants to do exactly the same things as I do. That means she wants to have the same hairstyle as I have, she copies my clothes, she even wears the same make-up as me. And sometimes she makes me **furious** because she **borrow**s my clothes without asking. I hate it. In fact, while I'm writing this blog I can see her from my room. She's in the back garden and she's wearing my white T-shirt and jeans, which are now really dirty because she's lying on her back in the grass. My parents know about this because I always tell them, but they don't understand. They think it's fine. They say my sister's younger than me so I need to be kind to her. But they're my clothes and it's my room. It's private!

I also have an older brother, Jimmy, who is really great. He goes to a different school because he's older, but he always helps me with my homework if it's difficult. My laptop sometimes breaks and he **repairs** it for me. He loves playing computer games and he often lets me play, too. We get on very well. Hanna never goes into his room or takes his things. I know she doesn't want his clothes. But she doesn't even go in there to borrow a pen or some paper – or play a computer game while he's out. Why me???

I. Read the blog and choose the best answers.

1 Ella is quite happy at the moment because ...

- a she's got more freedom than before.
- b she likes going out with her family.
- c she's getting on well with her school work.

2 Ella's sister wants ...

- a to use Ella's laptop all the time.
- b to look just like Ella.
- c to copy all Ella's work.

Ella gets angry because ...

- a her parents always agree with her sister.
- b she has to share a room with her sister.
- c her parents don't buy her new clothes.

4 Ella's brother is ...

- a unkind to her sister.
- b good with computers.
- c away at university a lot.

5 Which would be the best title for the blog?

- a My brother's amazing!
- b My parents don't understand me!
- c My sister's annoying!

II. Match the underlined words in the blog with the definitions.

1 makes me upset _____

2 very angry _____

3 a big problem _____

4 uses something that belongs to someone else, then gives it back later _____

5 fixes something broken _____

III. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words or phrases from 2.

1. If I get bad results in a test it _____.

2. I've got to rewrite an essay for the teacher. It's an _____.

3. My mum was _____ was when Dad crashed her car.

4. When I dropped my mobile phone on the floor, it was impossible to _____ it.

5. I don't like to _____ money from friends.