

READING ABOUT FAMILIES

1) READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE THE BEST TITLE.

- a. Only children – how happy are they?
- b. Which is better? – A big or a small family?
- c. Brothers and sisters – love them or hate them?

Find out what our readers wrote about their families.

1 **Ben, 14**

Living with my sister is so difficult! She's very messy. She's six, so her only chores are putting her toys away and feeding our cat, Mr Paws. Her toys are always on the floor and Mr Paws' bowl is usually empty! I'm tidy and organised, so I often do her chores in the end. I love her, but I think I'm too patient with her!

2 **Lizzie, 13**

I'm the only girl in the family. My brothers say I'm too loud and the neighbours can hear me when I talk, but that's not true. We sometimes argue about what to watch on TV. All brothers and sisters argue sometimes! My brothers usually win and I watch the things they like, even the football. But I'm easy-going and I don't get upset easily.

3 **Robbie, 12**

I'm very quiet and I like spending time on my own. I like reading or playing video games in my room. My brother is very different from me. He can't spend one minute on his own! He is also very bossy. He always tells me what to do! Sometimes I think my best friend, Chris, is lucky – he is an only child!

2) READ THE TEXT AGAIN AND WRITE B (Ben), L (Lizzie) or R (Robbie).
WHO...

- 1 L sometimes argues with his/her brothers/sisters?
- 2 has got a pet?
- 3 often does a brother's/sister's chores?
- 4 likes being on his/her own?
- 5 isn't worried about what his/her brothers/sisters say?
- 6 has got only one brother?

3) CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

Wendy, 14

- Dad is a ¹quiet / *bossy* man. He doesn't talk a lot, but he always listens to us.
- My mum's ²*loud* / *easy-going*. She doesn't get angry when our bedrooms are untidy.
- My big twin sisters are ³*organised* / *loud*! They always shout when they argue!
- My brother is ⁴*messy* / *patient*. He never puts his clothes away.
- I'm ⁵*quiet* / *tidy*. I like putting things in the right place.
- Gran plans everything and she knows where everything is. She's ⁶*easy-going* / *organised*.