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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1- Read the texts. Complete the definitions with these PREFIXES:

GREAT- (X2) HALF- STEP

My **great**-grandmother, Julia, is ninety and she's my **grand**mother's mother. Julia was adopted.

I've got a little **half**-brother. He's my father's son from his second marriage.

I really like my **step**sister. Some people say we are similar, although we aren't really related by blood.

1 The prefix _____ describes a family relative who is two generations away from you. Add an extra _____ for each extra generation.
2 The prefix _____ describes a brother, sister or parent who is related to you by marriage but not by blood.
3 The prefix _____ describes a brother or sister who is related to you through one shared parent.

2- Choose the right answer. Write the letter you choose:

1 Who shares one parent with you, but not two parents?
a your stepson (b) your half-brother
2 Who is your mother's mother?
a your great-grandmother b your grandmother
3 If your mother marries again, who is the man?
a your grandfather b your stepfather
4 Who is your father's grandfather?
a your great-grandfather b your great-great-grandfather
5 If your father marries again and his new wife already has two daughters, who are they?
a your half-sisters b your stepsisters

3- Read the comments and write the FAMILY WORDS:

1 Tom's the same age as me and I really like him. His mum's married to my dad now, but I'm only related to him by marriage, not by blood. He's my ***stepbrother***.

2 Elsie is my dad's mother, so she's my _____. She's nearly seventy, but she still does a lot of sport!

3 Lucy's the youngest in my family and she's my _____. We have the same mum, but we have different dads.

4 My mum died when I was quite young. My dad's got a new wife now, called Sara. I really like her, and I call her Mum, even though she isn't my real mother. She's my _____.

5 The oldest person in my family is Albert. He's eighty-nine and he's my mum's grandfather, so he's my _____.

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4- Choose the correct option. Write the option you choose:

Should friends have a lot in common?

JESSICA: Yes! My friend Sarah and I [1]*share/get* loads of interests. We both like horse-riding and cinema. We [2]*have/get* the same sense of humour, too. We [3]*share/spend* a lot of time together and we're like sisters. My singing can [4]*share/get* on her nerves sometimes, but we never [5]*see/have* arguments.

MARK: I disagree. I'm completely different from my friend Mike, but we [6]*enjoy/see* each other's company. When I [7]*enjoy/get* to know people, I find them more interesting if they [8]*come/have* from different backgrounds. Mike loves to [9]*spend/see* time on his own, so we don't [10]*have/see* each other often, but when we meet, we have fun.

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5- Complete the sentences with the words in the list. There are two extra words:

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have nerves own see
sense share spend

1 I'm quite a shy person – it takes me a while to get to know people.
2 I love being with other people and I hate spending time on my _____.
3 Flossie and I get on well and we _____ each other's company.
4 Jo and Beth come from similar _____, so they have a lot in common.
5 It really gets on my _____ when my sister borrows my clothes without asking!
6 My friends and I usually _____ each other at the weekend.
7 I think it's important for friends to have the same _____ of humour.
8 My brothers and I _____ a lot of time together, especially in the school holidays.

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6- Complete the gaps with only ONE WORD.

Your problems – Emma's here to help!

My mum and dad got divorced two years ago and my dad has just remarried. I really don't [1]get on with his wife, my new [2]_____. She's also got two daughters already, so I've now got two [3]_____. I know I should be happy for my dad, but this woman really gets [4]_____ my nerves and I don't [5]_____ any interests with her kids! I just stay in my bedroom all the time now because I don't know how to [6]_____ with this situation. Help!

Emma says: *It can be difficult when a parent remarries, especially when there are also new children to add to your family. It will take time for you to [7]_____ to know your dad's new wife, so just be patient. But hopefully, if you make the effort and [8]_____ some time with her daughters, you will find that things improve.*

Have your say! 2 comments

Amelia24 This happened to me two years ago when my mum remarried. I [9]_____ a lot of arguments with my new dad and I even ended up shouting at my mum and [10]_____ out with her, which was awful. You have to give the new relationships time.

SaraG Don't spend too much time at home if you find it stressful. [11]_____ out when you can and hang [12]_____ with your friends at weekends, rather than spending time [13]_____ your own at home. The others are right – it takes time, but I'm sure that if you make the effort with your new family members, in time you will all enjoy [14]_____ other's company.

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7- Complete the sentences with THE CORRECT FORM of the phrasal verbs:

deal with fall out with ~~get on with~~ go out hang out with put up with

1 I don't *get on with* my sister at all – we're completely different and she just annoys me!
2 It's very difficult to _____ problems such as bullying on your own. It's much easier if you ask a teacher for help.
3 When I moved to a new school, I _____ a lot because I wanted to make new friends.
4 I can't _____ noise when I'm trying to study. I need silence.
5 I prefer to _____ just a small group of friends. I don't like big crowds.
6 I _____ Dale because he kept asking me to do his homework for him and it really annoyed me!

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