

Workshop (reading comprehension)

Meeting someone new

David Johnson: Good morning, I would like to introduce myself. My name is David Johnson, and it is nice to meet you. I come from near Cambridge. I live in a small village that is close to the city of Cambridge. I am 20 years old. I am studying history at university and work in a shop at the weekends. I have one brother and one sister. They are both older than me. My sister is 26 years old and my brother is 22 years old. They have both graduated from university and work in London.

Lucy: Hi, my name is Lucy Spalding and it is great to meet you all. I am really excited to see so many people. I am 24 years old and am an only child. I come from Newcastle, which is in the North of England and a long way away from here. My mother is a teacher, and my father works in an office. I finished a degree in Media Studies last year and am unemployed at the moment. I want to move to London to find work sometime.

Elaine: Hello, it is nice to see you all. I'm Elaine. I come from Cardiff and it is great to be here to meet you all in Reading. I am 42 years old. I am married to my husband, Richard, and have two children. One son called Andrew who is 18 years old and one daughter who is 16 years old and called Tracy. I work in a supermarket and my husband is a police officer. My son wants to study computing at university while my daughter wants to become a singer.

Hamid: Good morning. It is a pleasure to meet you. Please let me introduce myself to you. I am Hamid and I come from Pakistan. My home town is Islamabad, the capital city. I am 19 years old and have come to the UK to study English. I will stay here for one year. I want to learn a lot. My family is big. I have 3 brothers and 1 sister. I am the oldest and my sister, the youngest, is 11 years old. My father works as a government official and my mother is a housewife. I want to learn English so I can get a good job. I do not work as I spend all my time studying.

Reading comprehension questions that go with the above reading passage

1. Where is David Johnson from?

A) ☐ London

B) ☐ Reading

C) ☐ Cardiff

D) ☐ Cambridge

2. What is the name of Tracy's mother?

A) ☐ Elaine

B) ☐ Lucy

C) ☐ Richard

D) ☐ Andrew

3. How many brothers does Lucy Spalding have?

A) ☐ 0

B) ☐ 1

C) ☐ 2

D) ☐ 3

4. How many siblings does Hamid have?

A) ☐ 2

B) ☐ 3

C) ☐ 4

D) ☐ 5

5. Elaine's children want to do what?

- A) ☐ Sing and work as police officer
- B) ☐ Study computing and sing
- C) ☐ Work as hairdresser and study media studies
- D) ☐ The passage does not say

2. Read and answer the questions



This is Lydia. She is nineteen. She is tall and slim. She has curly brown hair and blue eyes. She lives with her parents.

Lydia is a hairdresser. She loves her job! She loves her job! She always gets up at 7:30 and she has a shower. After that, she has a cup of coffee and a piece of toast. She usually gets the bus to work, but sometimes her Mum gives her a lift. She cuts hair and styles it. Ladies are always happy with their hairdo: they never complain! Lydia wants to buy her own salon and so she saves her money.

She has lunch at one o'clock, usually just a sandwich. She leaves work at six and gets home half an hour later. Her mum always cooks dinner. In the evening, Lydia watches TV and goes to bed at about eleven o'clock. She never stays up late!

She goes out on Saturday nights with her friends. They go into town. They usually have a pizza and often they go to a bar afterwards. Lydia hasn't got a boyfriend at the moment. But she really fancies someone! His name is Mark. He is twenty-one and very handsome! He works in the garage opposite the hairdresser's. Lydia sees him every day. They always smile at each other. She hopes that very soon, he will ask her out. Let's wish Lydia the best of luck with Mark.

1. How old is Lydia?
2. Who does she live with?
3. Is she short?
4. What color is her hair?
5. What color are her eyes?
6. What is her job?
7. Does she hate her job?