

1 Look at the photos. What do you think the children are doing?

2 **1.28** Read and listen to the text. Match photos A–C to paragraphs 1–3.

3 **Exam Spot** Choose the best title for the text.

- 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?

4 Read the text again. Answer the questions.

Write B (Ben), L (Lizzie) or R (Robbie). Who:

- 1 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?

5 **1.29** Listen and repeat. Find the words in the text.

Vocabulary Personality adjectives

bossy easy-going loud messy organised
patient quiet tidy

6 Circle 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 ²loud / easy-going. She doesn't get angry when our bedrooms are untidy.
- My big twin sisters are ³organised / loud! They always shout when they argue!
- My brother is ⁴messy / patient. He never puts his clothes away.
- I'm ⁵quiet / tidy. I like putting things in the right place.
- Gran plans everything and she knows where everything is. She's ⁶easy-going / organised.

7 What are the members of your family like? Ask and answer in pairs.

A: *What's your mum like?*

B: *She's organised, but she isn't patient. She hates waiting.*



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!

Write to us and tell us about your family!