Listening skills practice: Important people – exercises

Listen to the speakers talking about important people in their lives and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

1. Check your understanding: matching

Do this exercise before you listen. Match the phrases with the correct definition and write a – f next to the numbers 1 – 6.

1……..	She looked after me.	a.	We have a good, friendly relationship.
2……..	We hang out a lot.	b.	She took care of me.
3……..	We get on well.	c.	He likes the same things as me.
4……..	We fell out.	d.	We have many similarities.
5……..	We have a lot in common.	e.	We stopped being friends. (Especially after an argument.)
6……..	He's into the same things.	f.	We spend a lot of time together.

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

childhood friend	brother	best friend
next-door neighbour	boyfriend	

1. Speaker A is talking about her _____ .
2. Speaker B is talking about his _____ .
3. Speaker C is talking about her _____ .
4. Speaker D is talking about his _____ .
5. Speaker E is talking about her _____ .

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3. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

1.	A – Her next-door neighbour also worked with her mum.	*True*	*False*
2.	A – Her next-door neighbour has a healthier lifestyle now.	*True*	*False*
3.	B – He didn't see his brother after he went to university.	*True*	*False*
4.	B – He supports the same football team as his brother.	*True*	*False*
5.	C – She and her friend argued about a boy.	*True*	*False*
6.	C – She is going to go to the same university as her friend.	*True*	*False*
7.	D – He didn't have much in common with his friend when they were young.	*True*	*False*
8.	E – She didn't like the look of her boyfriend at first.	*True*	*False*

Which people have been important in your life?

Who are you closest to in your family?

Who are your closest friends?

Which other people have been important in your life?

Vocabulary Box Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.

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