

New friends

Mark and Hanna are friends. They have a lot in common, and both went to the same school when they were very young. So why did they only become friends last month?

They were both born on 26th April. Mark was born in 1997 in London in the UK. Hanna was born in Amsterdam two years later. When Hanna was three, her family moved to the UK, to a house just ten minutes from Mark's home. They both went to Newbrook Primary School but they don't remember each other. Mark went to a different secondary school from Hanna.

After they finished secondary school, they each waited for a year before they went to university to study art. Mark worked in a restaurant to get some money and then travelled around Europe. Hanna went to Amsterdam and stayed with her aunt and uncle. Mark studied in London. Hanna went to Glasgow. They studied art for three years. Then, they both decided to stay at university for another year to become teachers. Mark finished university two years before Hanna. He got a job as an art teacher at a secondary school in London. Two years later, Hanna returned to London and got a job as an art teacher at an adult education college.

Today, Mark and Hanna both live in West London, in apartments that are on the fifth floor. Hanna lives alone, but Mark lives with a friend from university. They both enjoy going to museums and art galleries in their free time. In fact, they met at a museum. Last month, they went to a museum at the same time. Mark went with his friend Devon. Devon also knows Hanna because he's a friend of her cousin. And so, because of Devon, Mark and Hanna finally became friends!

Complete the sentences with a word or year.

- 1 Hanna's date of birth is 26 April
- 2 Mark was born in
- 3 Hanna arrived in London when she was years old.
- 4 After secondary school, Mark got a job in a
- 5 Hanna went to university in
- 6 Mark and Hanna studied at university.
- 7 Mark and Hanna studied at university for years.
- 8 Mark and Hanna both live on the floor of their buildings.
- 9 Mark and Hanna met at a
- 10 Devon is a friend of Hanna's

LISTENING

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People pay a Japanese man called Shoji Morimoto to go out with them, because they don't want to be alone. It can be to a restaurant, a party or a wedding. One person even paid him to say goodbye to them at a bus station when they left Tokyo to travel to a different city.

