THE JOHNSONS AND THE WILSONS

The Johnsons and the Wilsons are relatives. Mr. Mark Johnson and Mrs. Laura Wilson are brother and sister, the children of senior citizens, Edward and Margaret Johnson. They are one of those families where the members all share similar features. They have fair hair, blue eyes, and light skin. Their faces are round, and they all have a cheerful smile. Margaret is still full of energy despite her age, while Edward prefers spending his days playing chess or solving crosswords. He used to be a radio presenter and still enjoys telling old stories that make everyone laugh.

Laura is the older of the two siblings. She married her husband, David, when she was twenty-two and he was twenty-six. David works as a high school history teacher. He finds his job frustrating because his students are not interested in the subject. He often complains that Laura is lucky to work from home. She is a freelance writer and editor for educational magazines. David wishes he could do the same, but his writing jobs don't bring in enough income.

Their children, Emma, aged twenty-one, and Leo, aged eighteen, followed their parents' path. Emma is a university student majoring in journalism. Unlike her parents, who focused on traditional subjects, Emma is interested in digital media and plans to become a travel blogger. Leo doesn't care much for writing but enjoys working with children and wants to be a sports coach.

Mark Johnson is two years younger than his sister, who is now forty-eight. He is a veterinarian and, because of his love for animals since childhood, decided to work with wild animals in nature reserves. This means he travels a lot, and his wife, Monica, stays at home. Their daughter, Natalie, is fifteen and attends a boarding school. She dislikes being away from her parents and often gets into trouble at school. She skips classes, hangs out with older students, and never does her homework — though she is very talented at painting. Mark tries to stay involved, but his schedule is demanding. Monica feels helpless and doesn't know how to handle Natalie's rebellious behavior.

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Despite the differences in their lives and personalities, the cousins get along very well. The Johnsons and the Wilsons visit each other often and enjoy spending time as one big family.

1. What was Edward Johnson's profession in the past?
a) A school teacher
b) A vet
c) A radio presenter
d) A writer

2. Why does David Wilson dislike his job?
a) His students often misbehave
b) He doesn't earn enough money
c) His students aren't interested in history
d) He wants to work as a sports coach

3. What is Emma Wilson planning to become?
a) A travel blogger
b) A freelance translator
c) A history teacher
d) A physical education teacher

4. Why does Natalie Johnson attend a boarding school?
a) She has behavior problems
b) Her mother wants her to study there
c) Her parents live far from the city
d) Her father travels a lot for work

5. How do the Johnsons and the Wilsons get along?
a) They hardly speak
b) They often argue
c) They enjoy visiting each other
d) They compete with each other

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