



Call me Archibald. My real name isn't important. In this blog I want to share my ideas with other kids my age. It isn't always easy to talk to our parents or even friends. I'm sure you understand me.

Here is some information about myself. I'm 14 years old. I play water polo. I go to the swimming pool every day except at the weekend. I'm a good swimmer and player although I'm not very tall or very strong. I'm also interested in photography. I

use my dad's small digital camera. It takes great pictures. I've got lots of photos of my friends (of one classmate especially!). I read books about superheroes like Superman. I'm not a superhero myself but I hate injustice and I'd like to have some special powers, too.

I haven't got any brothers or sisters. My parents work hard and spend a lot of time at work, so I'm often alone at home. My mum's a teacher. She prepares for school and she always talks

about her pupils. I sometimes get upset because maybe she thinks they're better than me. My mum says that Pete is such a good pupil. I think he reads my blog. My dad's a mechanic and he fixes cars. He tells jokes all the time and he is never serious. He thinks he has a sense of humour but his jokes aren't always funny!

I have a pet parrot. His name is James. He's got a cage in my room but he rarely stays in it. He usually flies around. He is friendly but he isn't polite; he hasn't got good manners. He never uses the toilet! He also bites computer cables and sometimes my finger!

E-mail me!

- 1 Peter uses his real name in his blog.
- 2 Peter plays water polo five days a week.
- 3 Peter's an only child in the family.
- 4 Peter's mum works in a school.
- 5 Peter's dad thinks he's funny.
- 6 James is Peter's cat.

#### 4 Complete the sentences about yourself.

I am interested in ...

In my free time I ...

My favourite school subject is ...

My favourite singer / group is ...

My favourite books are ...

I usually wear ...

My surname is ...

My form teacher is ...

**Brian James was interviewed for a teenage magazine. Read the teenager's talk about himself and find out the information to answer the questions on page 9.**



I love to cook and make some fab Italian dishes. I love cooking for girls. Cooking for two is much more fun than cooking for yourself. I've got an older sister and a younger brother who's a cute 13. I'm a Gemini — my birthday's May 29th. I love animals — I've got two dogs and a fish. I listen to rap music. I work out, ride horses, surf and snow-ski. I love Mars bars and dry roasted peanuts. I love living in sunny California. Where else can you go skiing in March and then go back to the beach?

- 1 What does Brian love to do?
- 2 What does he love doing?
- 3 What does he love?
- 4 What is his birth sign?
- 5 What sort of music does he listen to?
- 6 Where does he live?
- 7 What does he do in his spare time?
- 8 Is he an only child in the family?