2 1.1 **Listen and match the speakers (1–3) with the questions they are answering (A–C).**

A What's good and bad about big families?

B Is being together as a family important?

C What do you know about young people in other countries?

3 1.2 **Complete the sentences with 'a', 'an', 'the' or no article (–). Listen again and check your answers.**

1 I think it's good for _____ families to spend _____ time with each other every day.

2 My sister is _____ university student.

3 I haven't been to many parts of _____ world, but I hope to travel more in _____ future.

4 I saw _____ TV programme about schools in Singapore. In _____ programme, it said students were under a lot of pressure from _____ exams.

5 I think _____ larger families are good because you learn to share and you get _____ advice from people of different ages.

6 If you're _____ only child, there's just you and you get everything you want.

4 **Choose the correct words to complete the comments on Lucas' blog.**

So what's life like where **you** live?



Sanne

Hoi, Lucas! I'm Dutch, too – from Eindhoven. For people outside Holland, that's [1]**a / an** small city in the south. It's OK but there isn't much for young people to do. And [2]**a / the** city isn't very pretty. You're lucky living in [3]**capital / the capital**.



Joe

Thanks for [4]**a / an** interesting blog. I live in England and I'm from [5]**a / the** big family. I can't imagine being [6]**a / an** only child. My parents are open too and we talk all the time. But I agree with you about exams. [7]**English kids / The English kids** are under pressure at school.



Ana

Hi from me in Spain! Yes, nice blog. I laughed at the bit about your mobile! My parents message me all the time, so I put my phone on silent. [8]**Communication / The communication** is important but I don't need twelve messages in one hour!

1 **Look at the photo and read part of Ella's blog about her travelling life. Complete it with the correct words.**

community freezes hang out open lift pressure

This is my second year of travelling with my family now. When my parents first talked about selling our home and going travelling, I was very [1] _____ with them and said I wasn't sure about it. At fifteen years old you just want to go to school and [2] _____ with your friends, right? But in fact it's great. We're now part of a different [3] _____ of families who choose to travel around, and I'm definitely pleased that I don't have the [4] _____ of school exams anymore! We meet lots of different people – today we gave two students from Sweden a [5] _____, and they were really fun to chat to. Tomorrow we're going into the mountains. It's really cold there, and we want to see what a river looks like when it [6] _____ – it sounds cool to me!



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