

WRITING

A PERSONAL PROFILE

1- Read the personal profiles from a student website. What information does each person include? Tick the correct boxes in the table.

	Lauren	James
Family		
Home		
School subjects		
Hobbies		
Ambition		



Introducing your new Head Girl and Head Boy



Hi! I'm Lauren, your friendly new Head Girl. I'm seventeen years old, and I'm in Year twelve.

I live in an apartment. It's very near the school, so I walk to school in five minutes every morning!

I really enjoy school: my favourite subjects are science and art. I'm keen on languages too.

I love films and I watch DVDs with my friends every weekend. My other hobbies are dancing and reading. I like shopping too. Is that a hobby?!

I've got a dog and two cats. I love animals! My ambition is to be a vet. I want to travel too, perhaps before university.



Hello! My name's James. I'm sixteen years old and I'm in Year twelve.

I've got a brother in Year nine. I've got a stepsister too. She's at university.

Music is important to me. I play the guitar and I write songs. I also listen to a lot of music, of course. My favourite singers are Ed Sheeran and Ellie Goulding. I'm also interested in sport. I play football and tennis at the weekend. I'm keen on surfing too, but I'm not very good at it!

I'm creative and hard-working. My ambition is to become a songwriter and write songs for my favourite pop stars.

2- SPEAKING. Answer the questions.

- What year is Lauren in?
- What are James's hobbies?
- What are Lauren's hobbies?
- What is James's ambition?

3- **VOCABULARY.** Which of the personality adjectives do Lauren and James use to describe themselves? Choose two from the list to describe yourself.

Personality adjectives creative friendly hard-working
honest patient polite sensible

a. Lauren is _____
b. James is _____

4- Look up the following words in your dictionary.

brave creative friendly hard-working honest lazy
mean moody patient polite rude selfish sensible

a. Brave: _____
b. Creative: _____
c. Friendly: _____
d. Hard-working: _____
e. Honest: _____
f. Lazy: _____
g. Mean: _____
h. Moody: _____
i. Patient: _____
j. Polite: _____
k. Rude: _____
l. Selfish: _____
m. Sensible: _____

5- Put the personality adjectives into the correct group: positive or negative

POSITIVE	NEGATIVE

6- **KEY PHRASES.** Complete these phrases from the profiles using the prepositions below. You need to use some prepositions more than once

at in to with

Giving personal information

I'm ¹ Year twelve. I walk ⁴ school.
I watch DVDS ² my friends. She's ⁵ university.
I listen ³ music. ⁶ the weekend.

WRITING STRATEGY

Al escribir cartas, mensajes o textos informales para miembros de nuestra familia o amigos, podemos usar contracciones ('m, 's, 're, 've got, 's got).

Siempre escribe en párrafos. Un párrafo usualmente contiene dos o más oraciones sobre el mismo tema. Cuando tengas que escribir algún tipo de texto, planea bien lo que vas a escribir en cada párrafo.

7- How many paragraphs does each profile in exercise 1 contain? Is each paragraph about one topic or more than one topic?

8- Plan a personal profile about yourself. Look at the table in exercise 1 and choose three or four topics you want to include. Make a paragraph plan. Begin like this:

Paragraph 1 Topic: ...
Information: ...

9- Write your personal profile following your plan from exercise 8. Remember to use contractions.

CHECK YOUR WORK



Have you ...

- followed your paragraph plan?
- used contractions?
- checked your spelling and grammar?