

## 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Year twelve. I walk <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ school.  
I watch DVDs <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my friends. She's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ university.  
I listen <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ music. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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?

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- 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?

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