1 a) Read the article and label the **paragraphs** with these headings.

- *general information*
- *personality*
- *hobbies/interests*
- *appearance*
- *writer's comments/feelings*

b) Read the topic sentences (**A-D**) and match them to the gaps in the article (**1-3**). One of the sentences does not fit.

A His personality is an interesting mixture of contrasts.

B Max's appearance often makes people think he must be an actor or a pop star.

C His appearance and personality make him seem older than he is.

D In his free time, Max loves excitement and action.

An Interesting Neighbour

Introduction

I first met my friend Max Westlake two years ago when he knocked on my door. "Hello," he said warmly. "My name is Max, and I've just moved in next door, so I'm your new neighbour."

Para 1 .....

Main Body

[1] He is a handsome, well-dressed young man in his early twenties. Max is quite tall and slim, with hazel eyes and carefully-styled light brown hair. He likes wearing expensive clothes such as leather jackets and silk scarves.

Para 2 .....

[2] He has a great sense of humour, and I love to listen to his amusing stories. What's more, he is a very kind-hearted person who is always ready to help a friend in need. On the other hand, though, he can seem arrogant and conceited sometimes because he likes to be the centre of attention.

Para 3 .....

[3] He enjoys dangerous sports such as bungee jumping and hang gliding. He's a great dancer, too, and he often goes to clubs and discos.

Para 4 .....

Conclusion

All in all, life is never dull when Max is around. Who wouldn't be happy to have him for a friend and neighbour?

Para 5 .....

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3 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 Who is Max?
2 What does he look like?
3 What does he usually wear?
4 What kind of a person is he?
5 What style does the writer use to talk about Max: personal or impersonal?
6 Which tenses does the writer use to describe Max?

1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____
5._____
6._____

4 Fill in the correct word from the list, then use the expressions to talk about Max.

amusing, centre, early, dangerous, hazel, humour, kind-hearted, leather

1 ..... twenties
2 ..... eyes
3 a ..... jacket
4 a sense of .....
5 the ..... of attention
6 ..... sports

5 Circle the odd word out in each group. Can you think of more words to add?

Height:	tall, plump, of average height, short
Build:	thin, muscular, well-built, shoulder-length, slim, plump
Age:	in his/her late thirties, in his/her early teens, small, teenager, middle-aged
Eyes:	brown, almond-shaped, square, large
Nose:	big, upturned, hooked, tall, small, straight
Hair:	blond(e), curly, wavy, short, straight, big
Special Features:	moustache, scar, blouse, beard, dimples, freckles, mole, glasses
Clothes:	jeans, skirt, T-shirt, cardigan, raincoat, high-heeled shoes, suit, shorts, tracksuit

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6 Fill in the blanks with *good*, *kind* or *well*, then make sentences as in the example.

1	..... - looking	5	..... - dressed
2	..... - built	6	..... - natured
3	..... - hearted	7	..... - behaved
4	..... - mannered	8	..... - humoured

*John is a **good-looking** man in his early thirties.*

7 a) Study the examples, then fill in the gaps using *and*, *who*, *with* or *as well as*.

- Paul has got big blue eyes. He's got dark, curly hair.
  *Paul has got big blue eyes **and** dark, curly hair.*
  *Paul has got big blue eyes **as well as** dark, curly hair.*
- Paul is a plump boy. He has got dark, curly hair.
  *Paul is a plump boy **who** has got dark, curly hair.*
  *Paul is a plump boy **with** dark, curly hair.*

A Nancy is a pretty girl in her late teens **1)** ..... is tall **2)** ..... slim, **3)** ..... fair hair, bright blue eyes **4)** ..... a small, straight nose.

B Tom, **1)** ..... is in his mid-thirties, is a tall, well-built man **2)** ..... almond-shaped eyes, **3)** .... an upturned nose **4)** ..... a moustache.

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