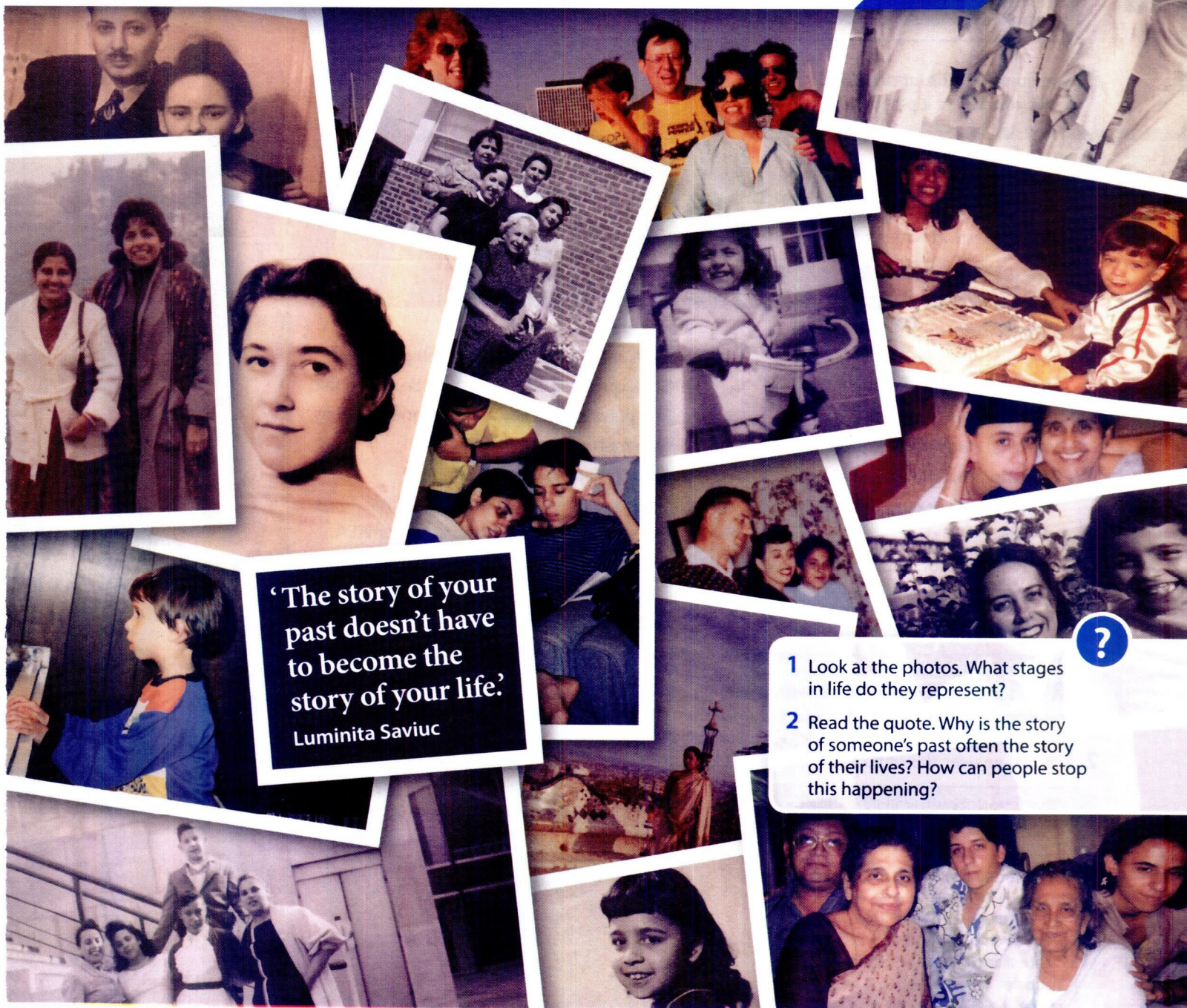


What's your story?

1

- **Grammar** Information questions
- **Vocabulary** All about adjectives
- **Everyday English** Making the right noises
- **Reading** The Angulo Brothers
- **Listening** My closest relative
- **Writing** Describing a person



'The story of your past doesn't have to become the story of your life.'
Luminita Saviuc

- 1 Look at the photos. What stages in life do they represent?
- 2 Read the quote. Why is the story of someone's past often the story of their lives? How can people stop this happening?



Watch the video introduction online



Use your **Workbook** for self study



Go online for more practice and to *Check your Progress*

Grammar

Information questions

STARTER

- 1  1.1 Read about and listen to Erika.

Hi! I'm **Erika Nordstrom**. I'm Swedish. I live in Malmö in the south of Sweden. I'm a product quality manager for IKEA. My boyfriend, Lars, works as a security officer on the Öresund Bridge. We're both keen ice hockey players. We play for a local team – but last month I fell and twisted my ankle, so there's no hockey for me for a while.

- 2 Give some similar information about yourself to a partner.

All about you

- 1 Match a question with an answer.


Describing people

Questions

- 1 What does she do?
- 2 How old is she?
- 3 What's she like?
- 4 What does she look like?
- 5 Who does she look like?
- 6 What colour eyes has she got?
- 7 How tall is she?
- 8 What kind of clothes does she wear?
- 9 What does she like doing?
- 10 How is she?

Answers

- a She's really nice. Very easy-going.
- b She's quite tall with long, blonde, wavy hair.
- c She plays ice hockey and also goes jogging.
- d One metre, seventy three.
- e She's in her early twenties.
- f She's fine. Her ankle's healing well.
- g She's a product quality manager for IKEA.
- h Greenish-brown.
- i Smart-casual and stylish.
- j She's the image of her dad.

-  1.2 Listen and check. Work with a partner. Practise the questions and answers. Cover one column, then the other.

- 2 Ask and answer the same questions about a relative.

What's your brother like?

He's a great guy. He's always joking. You'd like him.

You can use the ideas in the box to help.

good fun	a bit shy
very sociable	quite good-looking
quite dark	of medium height
moody	about 1 metre 70
short	in his mid-thirties
straight/curly	

Öresund Bridge

3 Read the questions about Erika's home. Underline the correct answer.

Describing places

- What's your apartment like?
I like it a lot. / It's modern and very comfortable.
- How big is it?
Yes, it's pretty big. / About 90 square metres.
- How many bedrooms are there?
Two doubles and a single. / One has an ensuite shower.
- What size is the kitchen?
It's a kitchen-diner. / Four metres by two.
- Which floor is it on?
Wooden. / The fourth floor.
- Which part of town is it in?
It's north of the river. / It's near a bus stop.
- How far is it to your work?
Just a five-minute cycle ride. / I always go by bus.



1.3 Listen and check. Practise the questions and answers with a partner.

4 Ask and answer questions about where you live. You can use the ideas in the box to help.

What's your flat/house like?

It's quite small, but it's got ...

in a modern block
a great view of ...
enormous

noisy
a balcony
ground floor

in a quiet, tree-lined road
a tiny garden
needs decorating

5 Complete the questions about Erika's new MacBook with a word from below.

long **make** for much How weigh Whose size

Describing things

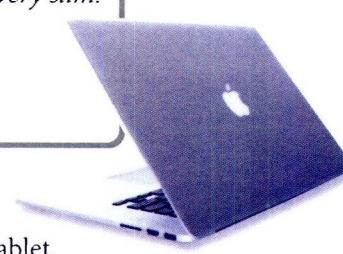
- What **make** is it? *It's a MacBook.*
- What's this button _____? *It turns it on.*
- How _____ is the battery life? *About nine hours.*
- How much does it _____? *It's really light, 0.9 kg.*
- What _____ is it? *It's got a 12-inch screen and it's very slim.*
- How _____ memory has it got? *16 gigabytes.*
- _____ fast is it? *It's much faster than my PC.*
- _____ is it? *It's mine.*

1.4 Listen and check. Practise the questions and answers.

6 Ask and answer similar questions about your laptop/phone/tablet.

What make is it?

It's a Samsung.



GRAMMAR SPOT

- What, which, and whose can be followed by a noun.
What colour/Which floor ... ?
Whose bag is this?
Find more examples on these pages.
- How can be followed by an adjective or an adverb.
How tall/far ... ?
Find examples on these pages.
- Match a question and an answer.
What's he like? Very well, thanks.
How is he? Very nice. He's good to talk to.

➔ Grammar reference 1.1–1.2

p141

Practice

Question words

Write *one* question for these situations.

- Do you go to the gym every day?
Every week? Once a fortnight?
How often do you go to the gym?
- Do you take size 40 shoes? Size 42?
Size 44?
- Is your house ten metres from the beach?
A hundred metres? One kilometre?
- Is your car an Audi? A BMW? A Toyota?
- Do you like pasta? Hamburgers? Spicy food?
- For your sandwich, would you like white?
Brown? Wholemeal? A roll?
- Do two of you want coffee? Four of you?
All of you?
- Would you prefer a vanilla ice cream?
Strawberry? Chocolate?
- Is that Sam's bag? Suzie's? Your own?
- Do you go left or right for the city centre?
Or straight on?

1.5 Listen and check. Practise the questions with a partner and give an answer.


➔ Go online for more grammar practice

Vocabulary and speaking

All about adjectives

- 1 Read the advertisements. What are they for? Underline all the adjectives.

Looking for Love A



Good-looking, hard-working marketing executive, early 30s, tired of life alone, seeks interesting, well-dressed lady to share delicious meals and thrilling evenings!

FOR SALE B


A much-loved, second-hand Robin Reliant 3-wheeler. **Only £1150**. Low mileage. Good condition. Perfect for eccentric car lovers.

Tel. 07405498142 for more details



FOR SALE C

Cosy, old-fashioned 2-bedroom cottage on edge of charming village, with mature garden. Stunning views of Malvern Hills. Within walking distance of shops and pub.



Adjectives and nouns that go together

- 2 Some adjectives and nouns often go together.
wavy hair stylish clothes delicious meals

Work with a partner. Match an adjective and a noun. Sometimes more than one is possible.

Adjective			Noun		
cosy	fresh	latest	job	relative	room
cloudy	crowded	mature	fashions	city	food
thrilling	cosmopolitan	spicy	garden	views	sky
stunning	challenging	close	match	cottage	vegetables

Compound adjectives

- 3 *Good-looking* and *hard-working* are compound adjectives. Find four more in the adverts in 1. With your partner, match words from A and B to make more compounds.

A	B
well- (x2)	aged
full-	behaved
brand-	made
bad-	sick
middle-	tempered
home- (x2)	new
	time

- 4 Think of nouns to go with the adjectives. Can you think of an opposite?
well-behaved children → badly-behaved children

-ed and -ing adjectives

- 5 How do these words end in the adverts?

interest- tire- thrill- charm-

Complete the sentences with one of these adjectives in the correct form.

bor-	disappoint-	
astonish-	exhaust-	-ed
relax-	shock-	-ing
excit-	thrill-	

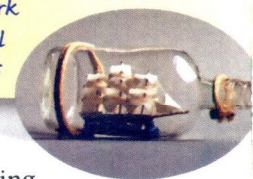
- I find having a massage is really _____.
- Our holiday was _____. It rained a lot.
- The journey was so tiring. I was _____ when we finally arrived.
- The interview went really badly so I was _____ to hear that I'd got the job.
- The lesson was so _____ that some students fell asleep.
- I was really _____ at the price of a ticket for the match. It was so expensive.
- The game was absolutely _____ from start to finish – my team scored the winning goal in the final seconds.

My favourite things

- 6 1.6 Listen to Tom talking to Sally about his favourite things. What do you learn about them?

Tom's favourite things

- Griff
- Ship in a bottle
- New York
- Michael Jordan's



- 7 Work with a partner. Write down the **names** of the following.
- a relative, friend, or colleague who is important to you
 - a city, town, or village that you love
 - a restaurant where you had a memorable meal
 - a treasured possession – something you would save if your house was on fire.

Show the names to your partner. Ask and answer questions to find out more.

Who is Ricardo?

Why is he important to you?

Where is the restaurant?

Tell the class what you learned about your partner.

A personality quiz

- 8 Look quickly at the word puzzle. Find four adjectives. Do they really describe you? Tell the class.

WHAT ARE YOU LIKE?

The first four words you see describe you!

OPKSHYG

NHSYRDFRIENDLYNDIU

BNSHHARDWORKINGHJRFLLAZY

GOODLOOKINGLKMCECENTRICJMFUNNY

POSUYDAMBITIOUSSHRTRESERVEDYFWR

VBWEASLKKPESSIMISTICGHPNDYHONESTM

VHURWUNTIDYMMRYCHEERFULUXCHARMING

KJVFTIAUDEMEANCEFPIMSQUNPATIENTFULT

XCEASYGOINGVBNGDTOTUIGENEROUSZUGJ

HAPPYLOLKJUNBPASSIONATEMNCHYDL

BBWASCREATIVEFPOKTHOUGHTFUL

DEWRERELIABLEVQWNAIVEGKL

DYTHVSOLSENSITIVE

BREFT


- 9 Do the quiz and find out what kind of person you really are. Write **Y** for *Yes*, **N** for *No*, and **S** for *Sometimes*. Go through your answers with a partner. Are you similar or different?

- 10 Match the adjectives below with the questions in the quiz. Which describe you and your partner? Describe your partner to the class.

<u>8</u> reliable	_____ untidy
_____ lazy	_____ optimistic
_____ moody	_____ shy
_____ generous	_____ reserved
_____ cheerful	_____ impatient
_____ easy-going	_____ sociable
_____ talkative	_____ ambitious
_____ hard-working	_____ sensitive

What are the opposites of the adjectives?

reliable/unreliable
moody/easy-going

- 11  1.7 Listen to five people. After each, say which adjectives or opposites from 10 describe the people.

What kind of person are you?

QUIZ

- Are you usually smiling and happy?
- Do you enjoy the company of other people?
- Do you find it difficult to meet new people?
- Do you have definite plans for your future career?
- Does your mood change often and suddenly for no reason?
- Do you notice other people's feelings?
- Do you think the future will be good?
- Can your friends depend on you?
- Is your room often messy?
- Do you get annoyed when you have to wait for anyone or anything?
- Do you find reasons to do tomorrow things you should do today?


- Do you always work hard?
- Do you keep your feelings and ideas to yourself?
- Do you often give presents?
- Do you talk a lot?
- Are you usually calm and not worried by things?

Reading and speaking

What's their story?

1 Look at the photographs of the Angulo brothers and read the title and subheading.

- Why are they weird?
- Describe what they look like. What age and nationality do you think they are?
- What kind of films do you think influenced the way they look?
- Why do you think they are called 'The Wolfpack'?

2  1.8 Read and listen to the first part of the article. Answer the questions.

- 1 Who are the other members of the family? What do you learn about them?
- 2 Explain this sentence.
'Watching films wasn't just an escape from the outside world, it was their world.'
- 3 Which film tells the story of their lives?
- 4 What or who do these adjectives refer to?


**astonishing cool dark eccentric messy
overcrowded reclusive thrilling tyrannical**

3 Read the rest of the article. Are these statements about the family's story true (✓) or false (X)? Correct the false ones.

- 1 The parents, Oscar and Susanne, are American.
- 2 They met in New York, where Oscar worked as a musician.
- 3 Oscar didn't have a job. He just looked after his family.
- 4 The boys learned only negative things about life from the films.
- 5 From a very young age, they worried about being different from other people.
- 6 Mukunda escaped from the apartment in a frightening disguise.
- 7 Crystal Moselle heard about the boys so she wanted to make a film about them.
- 8 Their lives are much more normal now.

What do you think?

- Why do you think Oscar raised his sons the way he did?
- Do you think the boys suffered as a result of their upbringing? Can you think of any advantages?
- Why do you think the youngest boys have changed their names? How does this connect with the quote on p9?
- How do you think their upbringing will influence the way they bring up their children if they have them?

 **Go online to watch**
a video about Nick
Bruckman's story.



THE ANGULO BROTHERS

**The weirdest brothers in the world:
Imprisoned for years by their father in a
tiny Manhattan apartment in New York,
their only contact with the world was
watching films. Now they're in one!**

Dressed in **dark** glasses, white shirts, black suits, and black ties – just like the robbers in Quentin Tarantino's **thrilling** movie *Reservoir Dogs* – they seem like any group of teenagers trying to look **cool**. But there is an **astonishing** reason why the six Angulo brothers try so hard to imitate their favourite film stars. For the Angulos, for 14 years, watching films wasn't just an escape from the outside world, it was their world. The six boys and their elder sister were imprisoned in an **overcrowded**, **messy** flat by an **eccentric** and **tyrannical** father who wanted to keep them from the horrors of modern life in New York. Home-schooled by their mother Susanne, the family was so **reclusive** that many neighbours didn't even know they were there. 'Once, we didn't leave the apartment for a whole year,' says Govinda.

**'Once, we
didn't leave
the apartment
for a whole
year.'**

However, the children were not completely cut off from the outside world. Their father had a collection of 5,000 DVDs and videos and the children watched these films time and time again. Now their story, which is stranger than any film, is told in a documentary film called *The Wolfpack*.

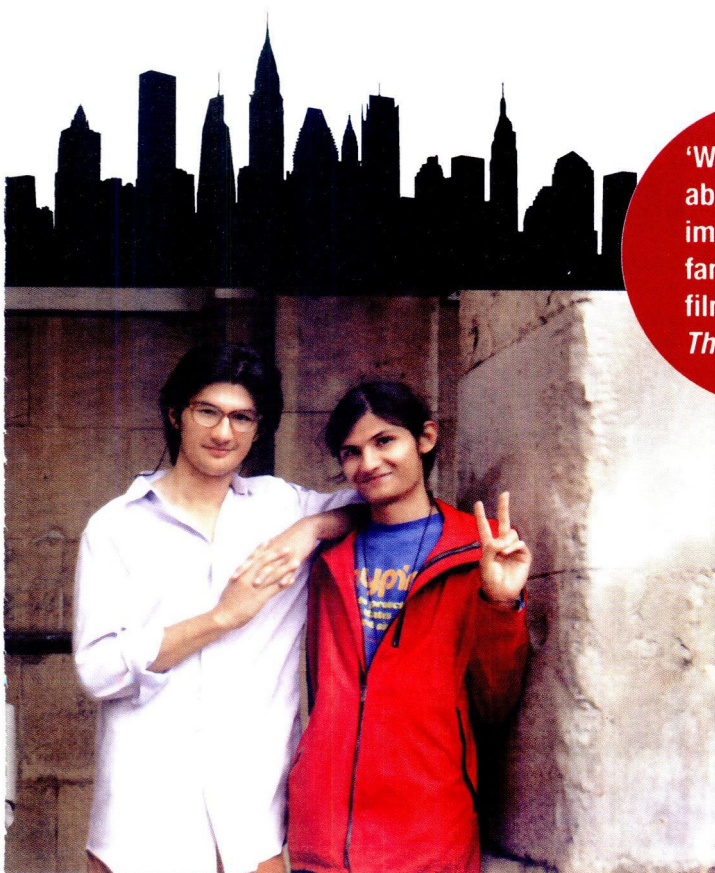


The Wolfpack in London:

Eddie, Mukunda,
Govinda, Narayana.



The six Angulo brothers: Bhagavan, Govinda, Narayana, Mukunda, Krisna, and Jagadesh.



THEIR STORY

The family's extraordinary story began in the late eighties, when Susanne Reisenbichler, a young American hippy, met Oscar Angulo, a Peruvian tour guide and musician, on a trail to the majestic Machu Picchu ruins. They fell in love and moved to the US, finally to New York, where they started a family.

Oscar, terrified that his children would fall into a life of drugs and crime, locked the front door and kept the key. The family lived on welfare money and only Oscar went out, usually for food or to collect new films for his children. The boys say they learned a lot about life from these films.

'We learned about the importance of family from films such as *The Godfather*,' says Govinda.

'The films taught us that people are complex and ... flawed,' says Narayana. 'But there is so much beauty in the world.'

'It was only when we got to our teens that we started to realize we were living a very different life to other people,' Mukunda says. 'We began to get more curious. One morning, I simply woke up and decided to go out while my dad was getting groceries.'

Wearing a scary home-made mask, modelled on the one worn by the killer in the horror film *Halloween*, the 15-year-old escaped onto the city streets. Shocked by his appearance, a shopkeeper called the police, but Mukunda refused to answer their questions. The police took him to a hospital, where he stayed for a week before being returned home.

'I told Dad things were going to be different,' says Mukunda. 'He was angry, but he accepted it.'

Dressed in their *Reservoir-Dogs* look, all six began to go out on their own. It was on such a trip that they met documentary film maker Crystal Moselle.

'We're not supposed to talk to strangers,' they told her, shyly, when she tried to talk to them. However, they grew to trust her because of their shared love of films.

Eventually Crystal uncovered their incredible story and the boys, seeing it as a way to get jobs in the film industry, agreed to work with her to make a documentary.

'I felt I had discovered a lost tribe,' she says. A producer friend named them 'the Wolfpack'.


Nowadays, the boys are living much more in the real world: they have friends and one has a girlfriend; most have jobs, three of them in the film industry. The two youngest have changed their names to Eddie and Glenn and want to be rock musicians.

'We learned about the importance of family from films such as *The Godfather*.'

Listening and speaking My closest relative

1 Discuss the statements in small groups. Are they true for your family?

- Mothers feel closer to their sons.
- Fathers feel closer to their daughters.
- The first-born child is ambitious, responsible, dominant, and insecure.
- The second child is free, independent, creative, and easy-going.
- The last-born child is the baby – spoilt, happy, confident, and secure.

2  1.9 Listen to four people talking about who they feel closest to in their family. Complete the chart with the relationship and then ✓ and X.

	Tess	Simon	Ellie	Nick
I feel closest to ...	<i>My sister</i>			
She/He's like me	X			
He/She is different				
We have common interests				
She/He gets on well with people				
Is the relationship always good?				

3  1.9 Listen again. After each person explain your answers in the chart.

4 Who said these phrases? About who? What do they mean?

- 1 'We don't really see eye to eye about anything.'
- 2 'She drives me crazy sometimes.'
- 3 'We have our ups and downs.'
- 4 'Those two often fight like cat and dog.'



SPOKEN ENGLISH Adding emphasis

1 We can change the order of words in a sentence to add emphasis.

What is the normal word order for these sentences?

- 1 **My dad** I don't really get on with.
- 2 He's young at heart, **my granddad**.
- 3 She's pretty cool, **my mum**.

2 Notice how these sentences add emphasis.

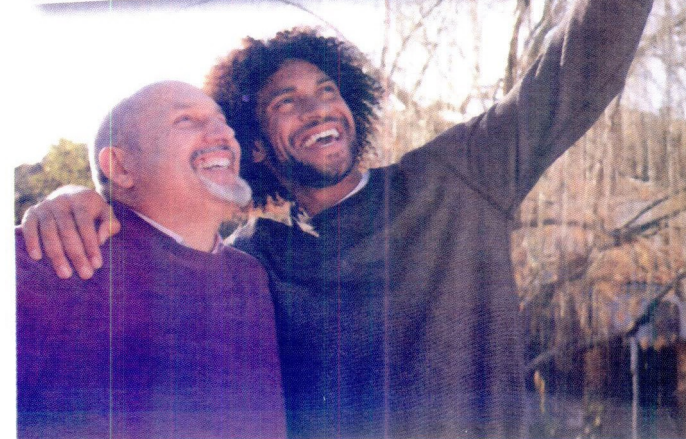
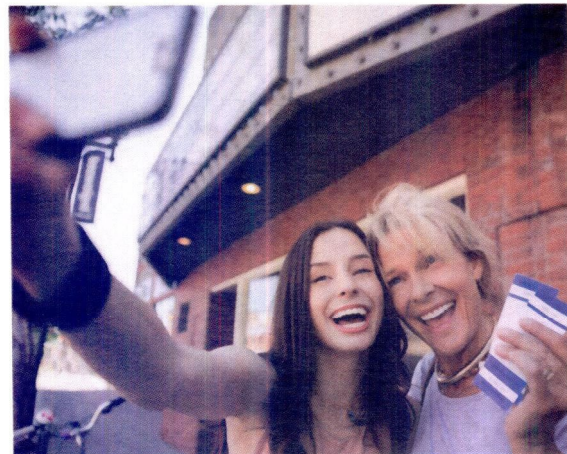
- '**Me**, I'm just her boring baby sister.' 'Chris, he's like **my dad**.'
 'One thing I **love about her** is her sunny personality.'
 '**What I like best about her** is the way she's so honest about herself.'
 '**What I like about him** is that we have the same interests.'

3 Use the phrases in 2 to emphasize what you like about ...

- 1 **Jim**: his sense of humour.
that he makes me laugh.
- 2 **Tina**: her kindness.
the way she never forgets my birthday.

Talking about you

- Who do you feel closest to in your family? Why?
- Are there any relatives you are *not* close to? Why?
- Are there ever any family arguments? Between who? About what?



Everyday English

Making the right noises

- Look at the photo. Why do you think they are laughing?
- Look at the words in the charts. They are all possible responses in conversation. What do they express? Write in the correct heading.

• Agreement • Sympathy • Pleasure • Surprise

How fantastic! Lovely! That's great! Brilliant! Congratulations! Good for you!	Absolutely. Definitely. Of course. Fair enough. Fine. OK.
That's amazing! You didn't! You're kidding! Really? You did what? Did you?	That's a shame. Oh dear. That's too bad. Bad luck. How awful! What a pity!

- 1.10** The stress and intonation in phrases like these are often quite exaggerated. Listen and repeat them with a wide voice range.

- 1.11** Listen to the conversation and complete B's responses. Practise with a partner. What other responses from 2 are suitable?

- A My grandfather hasn't been too well lately.
B _____
- A He's 79, but he's always on the go. Don't you think at his age he should slow down a bit?
B _____
- A But he won't listen to me. He says he wants to enjoy his life to the full.
B _____
- A Last summer, he went on a two-week cycling holiday in France.
B _____
- A We're going to give him a big party for his 80th birthday.
B _____
- A But before that I'm going to have a word with him and tell him to take things easy.
B _____

Go online for more speaking practice



- Read the lines of conversation. Write in a suitable response. There are sometimes several possibilities. Then practise the conversations with a partner.

- A I just had a weekend in Paris with my boyfriend.
B _____ (surprise) _____ (pleasure)
- A Will Spaghetti Bolognese be OK for dinner?
B _____ (agreement) _____ (pleasure)
- A My flight was cancelled because of a pilots' strike.
B _____ (sympathy) _____ (sympathy)
- A I failed my driving test again.
B _____ (surprise) _____ (sympathy)
- A We're expecting a baby!
B _____ (surprise) _____ (pleasure)
- A So you think I should get a new job?
B _____ (agreement)
- A I told him I never wanted to see him again.
B _____ (surprise) _____ (sympathy)

- 1.12** Listen and compare your answers.

- These are B's further comments. Match them with the lines 1–7.
 - Better luck next time.
 - When is it due?
 - It's time to move on.
 - I always thought the two of you were so good together.
 - Will you get your money back?
 - It's one of my favourites.
 - What was the weather like?

- 1.13** Listen, check and compare. Practise the conversations again.

- Work with a partner. Have a conversation about a good or bad day you have had recently. React as you listen and talk.

Last Sunday was the worst day of my life!

Oh dear. What happened?

Well, ...

Writing Describing a person – facts and opinions

- 1 Think of someone in your family and write three sentences about them. Read your sentences aloud to the rest of the class.
- 2 Work with a partner. Which relative did you choose? Why did you choose that person? Did you write about their character, their appearance, or both?
- 3 Read the description of crazy Uncle Joe. Which sentence describes the writer's opinion of him?
 - The writer likes Uncle Joe, but is critical of his way of life.
 - The writer admires everything about Uncle Joe.
- 4 The text consists of *factual description* and *personal opinions*. Work with a partner and read through the text again. Underline like this _____ what is factual, and like this _____ what is personal opinion.
- 5 Find words and lines which describe ...
 - his physical appearance
 - his character
 - his past life
 - his current lifestyle
- 6 Find the following words:

much (line 2)	really (line 14)
such (line 4)	quite (line 14)
completely (line 11)	particularly (line 16)
absolutely (line 13)	extremely (line 19)

How do they qualify the meaning of the adjectives which follow them?

- 7 Write a similar description of a member of your family in about 200 words. Include the following:
 - your relation to him/her
 - your opinion of him/her
 - a little about his/her past life
 - physical description
 - his/her character
 - his/her current lifestyle

[Go online](#) for more **writing practice**

My CRAZY Uncle Joe

- 1 Of all my relatives, I like my Uncle Joe the best. He's my mother's much younger brother. He was only nine when I was born, so he's been more like a big brother to me than an uncle. He is in his mid-20s now and he is always such
- 5 good fun to be with.

He studied at a drama school in Liverpool, and then he moved to London a year ago to try his luck in the theatre. He shares a flat with three other would-be actors and he works as a waiter and a part-time DJ. He's passionate about his music. It's called house music, and it's a kind of electronic dance music. When he 'deejays' he goes completely wild, waving his arms and yelling at the crowds. Everybody catches his enthusiasm. He's absolutely brilliant, and I'm proud that he's my uncle.

- Also, I think he is really good-looking. He's quite tall with
- 15 sandy-coloured hair, and twinkly, dark brown eyes. He's had lots of girlfriends, but I don't think there is anyone particularly special at the moment. He has a great relationship with his flatmates – they are always laughing and joking together. He knows how to have fun, but he's also an extremely caring
- 20 person. I can talk to him about all kinds of problems that I could not discuss with my parents. He's very understanding of someone my age.

He works hard and he plays hard. He's had lots of auditions for various theatrical roles. He hasn't had much luck yet,

- 25 but I'm sure that one day he'll be a highly-successful actor. I think he's really talented, but he says he doesn't want to be rich or famous, he just wants to prove to himself that he's a good actor.

