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You are looking at your friend Sally's blog. Read the entry about personality and birth order.

Text 4 Blog entry



1 Does birth order really affect our personalities?

2 People say that firstborn children are usually reliable and organized, but I'm not sure about this! My eldest sister Judy often neglects her tasks and always misplaces her belongings. She's
5 always asking me if I've seen her stuff! Her room is an absolute mess and she seldom tidies it, so she can never find her things! The eldest child is usually domineering too. Well, this is true as Judy does try to order us around all the time!

3 My brother Andrew is a middle child.
10 He sometimes does really bizarre things like dyeing his hair green right before a school dance! He thinks it looks very cool! The middle child is said to be sociable, have a ton of friends, and be
15 extremely talkative. I guess that's true because Andrew is always glued to his phone, either chatting or texting!

4 I'm Sally, the baby of the family. My friends say I'm innovative and I have lots of amazing ideas. People claim the youngest is
20 usually lazy and spoilt rotten. I admit I am a little like that—I always expect my family to do everything for me. ☺

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Comprehension 4 *Your sister is asking you about Sally's blog entry. Answer her questions using information from the blog entry. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 Who is the oldest child in Sally's family?

2 Why does Sally say she is not sure that Judy is reliable and organized?

3 What does Judy almost never do?

4 Who/what does 'us' (line 8) refer to?

5 In paragraph 3, find an expression that means 'many'.

6 Why does Sally say Andrew does 'bizarre things'?

7 Which meaning of 'glued' is closest to the meaning used in line 16?

A to join two things together with glue

e.g. He glued the stamp onto the envelope.

B to give something all your attention

e.g. She is glued to her computer playing video games every night.

C to stay close to someone

e.g. The little boy was glued to his mother and followed her everywhere.

D to be unable to move

e.g. I was so scared that I was glued to the spot!

A B C D

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- 8 What personality traits do Sally and her siblings have? Find the traits mentioned in the blog entry and match them with the examples given in the column on the right. One has been done for you as an example.

	Personality trait	Example
Judy	disorganized	She can never find her things.
		She orders her siblings around.
Andrew		He has lots of friends.
		He is always chatting on the phone.
Sally		She has many interesting ideas.
		She wants people to do everything for her.

- 9 According to the blog entry, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Judy has the tidiest room in the family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Andrew is the youngest in the family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Sally gets along very well with her siblings.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Sally wrote the blog entry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



- 10 Do you agree that birth order affects our personalities? Why or why not?
