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You have met a new friend online. Read his personal description on his blog.

Text 2 Personal description







Richard Henare

About me

① Welcome to my blog! This is where you'll all learn about me—Richard Henere. I'm a 12-year-old from New Zealand. My dad is a park ranger and my mum is a preschool teacher. I don't have any brothers or sisters. I don't mind though as I don't have to share a bedroom with anyone!




This is a view of Christchurch from a mountaintop.



This is me in my cosy tent when we went camping in the summer.

② If you're wondering why I have tanned skin, it's because I spend a lot of time outdoors. I don't like having hair in my eyes, so I keep it very short. I'm neither tall nor short in height, I'm right in the middle. My mum always tells me that I'm too 'skinny', but she also tells me that I'm handsome. I'm not sure whether I should believe her because all parents say that about their children!



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③ People tell me that I'm very energetic. When I'm not at home, I'm out cycling, skateboarding or surfing at the beach. My dad is very adventurous. He brings me to a lot of different places. He teaches me all about the plants and animals that we see, and about the importance of protecting nature. He takes me sailing too, and if we're lucky, we get to see whales jumping out of the water!



Last time we went sailing, we saw a humpback whale breaching in the distance!



This is Aka—the coolest cat in the world and my best friend!

④ At home, we have a cat called Aka. I make holes in cardboard boxes for her to play in. She loves hiding in them, no matter how big or small they are. My favourite comic is Calvin and Hobbes. Calvin is an only child like me. He's quite a disobedient kid, but he's also very clever and funny. Sometimes, I imagine Aka as Hobbes and I bring her with me on my adventures.

Text 3 Comic strip

Calvin and Hobbes



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Comprehension 2 & 3 *Your sister is asking you some questions about Richard. Answer her questions using information from the personal description and the comic strip. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

Personal description

1 Which country is Richard from? _____

2 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

Richard's mum is a (i) _____ and his dad is a
(ii) _____.

3 According to Richard, what is the benefit of being an only child?

A Your parents will love you more.

B You can have a pet cat.

C You don't have to share a bedroom with someone else.

A B C D

D You can spend a lot of time outdoors.

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4 i) Why does Richard have tanned skin?

ii) What is Richard's hair like?

iii) Describe Richard's height.

5 Does Richard believe his mum that he is handsome? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

6 Which word in paragraph 3 has a similar meaning to 'active'?

A adventurous

B energetic

C importance

A B C D

D lucky

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7 Who takes Richard to the outdoors? _____

8 According to paragraph 4, are the following statements **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Richard can do a lot of tricks on his skateboard.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The name of Richard's cat is Hobbes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Richard and Calvin are both only children.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comic strip

9 What time does Calvin wake up on Saturdays? _____

10 What does Calvin like eating on Saturdays?

A bacon and eggs

B toast

C noodles

D cereal

A B C D

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11 Complete the following description with words or phrases from Text 2 and Text 3. Make sure the words are grammatically correct.

Richard is an (i) _____, and he lives with his (ii) _____ and (iii) _____. He enjoys doing activities in the (iv) _____, like cycling. Unlike his favourite comic book character, he probably does not enjoy watching (v) _____ at home.

12 Find words from Text 2 and Text 3 that are similar in meaning to the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

i) My mum thinks that my dad is more _____ (*good-looking*) in a business suit.

ii) My _____ (*naughty*) baby brother throws food that he doesn't want to eat on the floor.

iii) No one understood what he was saying as he was rather _____ (*unclear*) after taking his medicine.

iv) After three cans of soda, she was extremely _____ (*too active*) and ran around the house for hours.