

6. READING AND WRITING

Personal Description



Maria is 15 years old. She moved to a new country with her family because their home was no longer safe. Maria misses her friends back home but tries to stay positive. Besides, she is quiet but very intelligent. She loves reading books, especially about brave women in different parts of the world. Maria wants to become a doctor one day to help people. She finds it hard to make new friends because some people treat her differently, but she is learning English quickly and hopes to show everyone how kind and talented she is.

Jin is 12 years old and was adopted by a family from a different country when he was a baby. He looks different from his parents and siblings, which sometimes makes him feel special but sometimes lonely. Jin is inquisitive, always asking questions. He loves drawing and painting, often creating pictures of his dreams and memories. Jin is also passionate about learning how to cook dishes from his birth country. He sometimes gets teased at school for his appearance, but Jin is proud of who he is and wants to teach others about his culture.



Amira is 16 years old and wears a headscarf because of her religion. She is quite outgoing and loves meeting new people. Amira is passionate about fashion and enjoys mixing her style with traditional clothing. She is an excellent student and dreams of becoming a lawyer to fight for justice and equity. Amira is very energetic, also she enjoys playing basketball and is on her school team, although she sometimes faces challenges from people who do not understand her culture. She believes in spreading love and acceptance through her positive attitude.

Sara is 17 years old and comes from an indigenous community. She has long, dark hair and loves to wear clothing with traditional patterns and colours. Sara is deeply connected to her culture, she enjoys teaching others about her people's history and beliefs. She is a peaceful, reflective girl who spends a lot of time in nature. Moreover, Sara is an environmental activist, fighting to protect her community's land. At school, she faces stereotypes, but Sara is determined to break them by excelling academically and being an example of strength and intelligence.



6.1 Read the text and decide which adjective best describes each person.

1. Curious:
2. Friendly:
3. Sociable:
4. Thoughtful:
5. Sporty:

6.2 Decide if the following sentences are true or false. Correct the false ones.

1. Maria likes making new friends easily in her new country.
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2. Jin was born in the country where he currently lives.
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3. Jin uses his art to connect with his birth country's culture.
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4. Amira prefers playing sports on her own.
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5. Amira sometimes has problems with people because of her culture.
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6. Sara is passionate about technology.
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DID YOU KNOW?

When we write in English, we usually use linkers: words that help us to write a text linking what we are about to say with the information that has been said before. They usually come at the beginning of the sentence, but they can also be in the middle of two sentences or at the end. For example:

I like going to the cinema **and** I go there every weekend.
My friend speaks very fluent English, **but** she has some problems understanding it.
He drinks water and eats healthy every day. **Moreover**, he often practises sport.

6.3 Look for five linkers that are in the texts.

6.4 Now, it's your turn! Write your own description like the examples in the texts. You will have to include at least three linkers and the following information.

- Your name.
- Your age.
- Describe your personality.
- Mention what you usually do in your free time.

7. REVIEW

7.1 Choose the appropriate option:

1. Tom is very he is quite untidy and usually wears dirty clothes.
a) lazy b) scruffy c) slow
2. My mum never with cash, she always uses credit cards.
a) pais b) pays c) is paying
3. I can't stand people because I am very energetic.
a) lazy b) accurate c) outgoing
4. This book is really everybody should read it!
a) interest b) interested c) interesting
5. Amy and Sam with the computer now.
a) play b) is playing c) are playing
6. I feel about the new project. It sounds great!
a) punctual b) enthusiastic c) skilled
7. My new job is so that I feel extremely bored.
a) mind-numbing b) challenging c) demanding
8. My son has found a job as a seasonal lifeguard supervisor.
a) permanent b) temporary c) stressful
9. Working as a cashier is very
a) demanding b) challenging c) monotonous
10. She watching football on TV, she prefers basketball.
a) isn't enjoying b) doesn't enjoy c) enjoys
11. Smoking is thing you can do for your health.
a) the worst b) the badest c) the worstest
12. I wasn't hungry but Tom was than me.
a) hungriest b) hungrier c) hungrier
13. Her jokes are the I have ever heard.
a) funniest b) more funny c) funnier
14. I think that John is very he is always telling lies.
a) trustworthy b) unreliable c) honest
15. The film was so I wanted to go to sleep.
a) bored b) bore c) boring
16. My best friend to the dentist because he has a toothache.
a) goes b) is going c) go
17. Sue is cleaning her house
a) now b) always c) soon
18. Listen! The doorbell
a) is ringging b) rings c) is ringing

7.2 Rewrite the following sentences putting the adverbs of frequency in the correct place.

1. I have lunch with my family at the weekend. (sometimes)

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2. My neighbour is late for work. (usually)

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3. They go to the beach on holidays. (always)

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4. His friends use their mobile phones to read the latest news. (often)

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5. My mother is tired, she is quite active. (hardly ever)

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7.3 Write questions using present simple and present continuous.

1. How often / you / eat / fruit?

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2. Where / your sister / work / at the moment?

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3. Why / Lisa / travel / to London now?

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4. Where / you / study when you have an exam?

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5. What / the children / do / right now?

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7.4 Complete the sentences with the correct verbs below. Use the present simple and the present continuous.

listen

prepare

love

do

meet

1. When I have a shower, I also to music.

2. Please, be quiet! I my homework.

3. She chatting with her friends in her free time.

4. Friends usually to have a good time.

5. At the moment, he dinner.

