

# **English for Secondary School**

**Auxiliar curricular pentru gimnaziu și liceu**

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## 1. English for Lower Secondary School

### 1.1. Family Members

#### I. Read the text and solve the tasks:

I have a cousin, Billy, who lives in London. Billy is 14 years old and goes to a very good school. He is tall, intelligent and athletic. He likes sports, reading books and travelling to different countries. He speaks French and Spanish very well and he has a lot of books about France and Spain. I admire Billy very much because he is very ambitious and he is very good at sports. I am proud of him and we are very good friends.

#### a. Answer the following questions:

1. Where does Billy live?
2. How old is Billy?
3. What does he look like?
4. What languages does Billy speak?

#### b. Fill in the gaps with words from the text:

1. My cousin, ..... lives in London, is 14.
2. He ..... to a very good school.
3. Billy likes ..... books and ..... to different countries.
4. I am ..... of my cousin and we ..... good friends.

c. Find synonyms in the text for the following words: smart, various, enjoys, competitive.

d. Use adjectives from the text to describe one of the members of your family.

## II. Fill in the gaps with words from the list: *uncle, grandmother, great-grandmother, niece, grandson.*

1. My grandmother's mother is almost 100 years old, which means I still have a ..... .
2. This is my aunt and that is her husband, my ..... .
3. Our ..... has got snow-white hair and wonderful blue eyes.
4. My grandparents love me very much because I am their only ..... .
5. Our aunt says that I am her favourite ..... because I always laugh at her jokes.

## III. Unjumble the sentences:

1. Another / yesterday / town / cousin / his / moved / to.
2. Are / game / brothers / a / his / playing.
3. Never / our / stops / aunt / talking.
4. Money / borrow / you / do / always/ your / relatives/ from?
5. Enjoys / at / her / shopping / granddaughter / mall / the.

## IV. Put the following sentences in order:

1. Her daughter, Joanna, has also got blue eyes. / She is short and fat but she has got very beautiful blue eyes. / I spend a lot of time with her because we are both 11 years old. / Erica is my uncle's wife. / We usually play in the garden and, at the same time, we help Erica do her chores.
2. She is nearly 90 years old. / We've got the best joke-teller in the world! / Martha is my great-grandmother. / We all laugh and love spending time with her. / Although she is old, she is very intelligent and funny. / She tells us a lot of jokes all the time.

3. One of his dreams is that of becoming an astronaut. / He is tall, slim and ambitious. / Robert is my cousin. / This is why he watches documentaries about space exploring. / He has got big dreams and a lot of patience.

4. He likes reading books about nature. / I love my uncle very much! / I always borrow books from him. / He has got short, curly hair. / My uncle is very nice. / He is tall, slim and smart.

## **V. Finish off the following questions:**

1. Their uncle is from Poland. Where .....?
2. I have got two brothers and one sister. How many .....?
3. Our aunt is coming this Saturday. When .....?
4. My grandson always sends me presents. What .....?
5. This cute little girl is my sister. Who .....?
6. Her grandfather hardly walks because he is very old. Why .....?

## **VI. Who is your favourite family member? Why? What does he/she look like? What is he/she like?**

## Key to Exercises

### I.

- a. 1 Billy lives in London.
  - 2. Billy is 14 years old.
  - 3. He is tall, intelligent and athletic.
  - 4. Billy speaks French and Spanish very well.
- b. 1. who; 2. goes; 3. reading; travelling; 4. proud; are.
- c. smart-intelligent; various-different; enjoys-likes; competitive-ambitious.
- d. Students' own answers.

II. 1. great-grandmother; 2. uncle; 3. grandmother; 4. grandson; 5. niece.

### III.

- 1. His cousin moved to another town yesterday.
- 2. His brothers are playing a game.
- 3. Our aunt never stops talking.
- 4. Do you always borrow money from your relatives?
- 5. Her granddaughter enjoys shopping at the mall.

### IV.

- 1. Erica is my uncle's wife. She is short and fat but she has got very beautiful blue eyes. Her daughter, Joanna, has also got blue eyes. I spend a lot of time with her because we are both 11 years old. We usually play in the garden and, at the same time, we help Erica do her chores.
- 2. Martha is my great-grandmother. She is nearly 90 years old. Although she is old, she is very intelligent and funny. She tells us a lot of jokes all the time. We

all laugh and love spending time with her. We've got the best joke-teller in the world!

3. Robert is my cousin. He is tall, slim and ambitious. He has got big dreams and a lot of patience. One of his dreams is that of becoming an astronaut. This is why he watches documentaries about space exploring.

4. My uncle is very nice. He is tall, slim and smart. He has got short, curly hair. He likes reading books about nature. I always borrow books from him. I love my uncle very much!

## V.

1. Where is their uncle from?
2. How many brothers and sisters do you have?
3. When is your aunt coming?
4. What does your grandson always send you?
5. Who is this cute little girl?
6. Why does her grandfather hardly walk?

## VI. Students' own answers.



## 1.2. Food and Health

### I. Choose the odd ones out:

1. peaches, potatoes, grapes, tomatoes, cherries
2. cabbage, carrot, apricots, pepper, melon
3. meatballs, pancakes, doughnuts, fries, pie
4. steak, candy, soup, lollipop, mashed potatoes
5. rice, water, pasta, tea, juice

### II. Unjumble the following sentences:

1. Bowl, always, a, morning, in, cereals, I, the, have, of.
2. Left, of, carton, we, only, one, have, milk.
3. Eating, salad, now, I, vegetable, am, fries, and, some.
4. Day, most, is, of, important, the, lunch, the, meal.
5. Fruits, and, strawberries, my, of, are, favourite, peaches, some.

### III. Finish off the following questions:

1. We ordered pizza for lunch and some salad for dinner. What .....?
2. You have health problems because you eat a lot of fries and sweets.  
Why.....?
3. They always have breakfast at 7 o'clock. What .....?
4. I often meet my friends at the coffee-shop. Where .....?
5. This pizza tastes like rubber! What .....?

### IV. Choose the correct variant:

1. I prefer *brown* / *black* coffee, with no cream or milk.