

A  [Track 08] Listen to Emma and Paul talk about an article in a magazine. Write T (true) or F (false).

1. The article says that optimistic people are always outgoing. _____
2. Paul agrees with the writer's ideas about optimistic people. _____
3. Emma doesn't think Paul is easygoing. _____
4. Paul thinks that Emma is very considerate. _____
5. Paul wants to learn more about the writer's ideas. _____

A _____ / 10 points (2 points each)

B Circle the correct adjective to complete each sentence.

1. The soup is hot! Please be **fair** / **careful** / **indecisive**.
2. She's **honest** / **unfair** / **adventurous**. If she doesn't like something, she tells you.
3. My son is very **unreliable** / **agreeable** / **curious**. He's always asking questions.
4. William is very **stubborn** / **unfair** / **unreliable**. He never lets me help him.
5. Lenny is **patient** / **agreeable** / **ambitious**. He got two promotions last year, and he hopes to get a third one soon.
6. Don't be so **reliable** / **indecisive** / **considerate**. Do you want to marry her or not?

B _____ / 6 points (1 point each)

C Complete each sentence with the correct present perfect form of the verb in parentheses and *since* or *for*.

1. We _____ (not / live) in Canada _____ a long time.
1 2
2. My friend _____ (study) Chinese _____ 2007.
3 4
3. He _____ (be) in Mexico _____ a month.
5 6
4. I _____ (not / see) her _____ this morning.
7 8
5. She _____ (not / write) to me _____ she went to Japan.
9 10

C _____ / 10 points (1 point each)

D Rewrite each sentence with the adverb in parentheses in the correct place.

1. Eve is intelligent. (extremely)

2. I finished my homework. (quickly)

3. Dinner tonight was good. (really)

4. They speak English. (well)

5. Do you learn new things? (easily)

6. The test was easy. (fairly)

D _____ / 6 points (1 point each)

E Number the lines of the conversation in the correct order.

_____ **A:** You may be right. I said I liked her hair longer. Now she feels terrible, and so do I.

_____ **B:** Yes, it's very short. She asked me what I thought, and I told her I loved it.

_____ **B:** See? Sometimes honesty isn't the best policy.

_____ **B:** Actually, I don't. But in my opinion, it's better to say something nice so the other person feels good. Don't you think so?

_____ **A:** Have you seen Kim this week? She cut her hair short.

_____ **A:** Is that true? Do you really think she looks good with short hair?

E _____ / 6 points (1 point each)

IS THERE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BIRTH ORDER AND PERSONALITY?

Many studies have been done on the relationship between birth order and personality. Researchers don't always agree, but their ideas are interesting.

Some researchers say **firstborns (FBs)** are often smarter and more ambitious than other children. When more children come into the family, parents want their FBs to help them and be a good example, and FBs work hard to do those things. As a result, FBs are good at following rules, and they are also more reliable, mature, and ambitious than other children. Did you know, for example, that more FBs than middle and lastborn children go to America's top universities? In addition, more FBs become doctors, lawyers, and engineers, and more than half of all Nobel Prize winners and U.S. presidents have been FBs.

Middle children (MCs) are usually not as ambitious or as interested in succeeding as FBs. They don't get as much attention from their parents as FBs and lastborns, so they may feel that they aren't as good. That makes MCs try harder to build good relationships with people their age. As a result, they grow up with good people skills. MCs are good at making friends, and they are good co-workers. MCs hate disagreement, so they also are good at getting people to stop fighting and make peace.

Lastborns (LBs) are usually more easygoing and creative than FBs or MCs. Because an LB's parents have already raised other children, they are usually pretty easygoing with their LBs. As a result, LBs are braver and take more risks than FBs and MCs. LBs travel more, and they also try to find new ways to see and do things. That's why they are often reporters, marketing and advertising experts, artists, musicians, and actors.

And what about **only children (OCs)** – that is, children who have no brothers or sisters? Researchers say that OCs are similar to FBs because they grow up to be confident and ambitious. But because they've grown up alone, they are not as good as FBs at leading and at working with people who are less powerful or successful than they are.



Which children . . . ?

	FBs	MCs	LBs	OCs
1. are not afraid to do things differently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. might be successful, but may not be a nice boss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. are often less confident than the others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. may make the best politicians and scientists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. try hard to make other people agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. are parents more relaxed with	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

F _____ / 12 points (2 points each)