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Overview

Watch the video podcast. Do you have anything in common with the people and their families?

1 Read the text about Pasha. Then watch the video podcast from 0:11-0:26 and underline the words you hear.

Hello. My name is Pasha. I work ¹ _____ *in/for* the BBC and I do a lot of DJing in my ² _____ *free/spare* time. Originally, I ³ _____ *come/am* from Moscow, but most of my family ⁴ _____ *live/lives* in New York now. Today I'm ⁵ _____ *speaking/talking* to people about their ⁶ _____ *families/relatives*. Tell me about your family.



Glossary: DJ = disc jockey; DJing = being a DJ

2 Read the places and nationalities in the box. Then watch the video podcast from 0:28-3:26 and number the words in the order you hear them, 3-17. THREE words are repeated twice.

Brighton 1 England (x2) 2 + _____ Toronto _____ Mexican _
 Ireland _____ the north west of England _____ Canada (x2) _____ + _
 Northern Ireland _____ London _____ Mexico _____ Belfast _____
 Scottish (x2) _____ + _____ Irish _____ southwest Scotland _____

3 Tell me about your family. Look at pictures A-F and watch the video podcast from 0:28-1:35. Match statements 1-6 to the correct people.



A Tracey



B Brogan



C Paul



D Elizabeth



E Nicholas



F Michael

- 1 Who lives near his parents?
- 2 Whose parents have lived in England for 25 years?
- 3 Who has six younger brothers and sisters?
- 4 Whose father passed away 20 years ago?
- 5 Who has a very good relationship with her sister?
- 6 Who gets on very well with her brothers?

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Glossary: *pass away* = die

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4 In what ways are you like your parents or siblings? Look at the people and read the statements about them. Then watch the video podcast from 1:36-2:38 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.

Glossary: *siblings* = brothers and sisters



A Tracey

- 1 Tracey is taller than her mother. F
- 2 Tracey looks and behaves like her mother.



B Paul

- 3 Paul's very much like his sister.
- 4 He thinks he's conscientious.



C Brogan

- 5 Brogan's thinner than her sister.
- 6 Her mother's more reserved than her father.



D Nicholas

- 7 Nicholas is passionate like his father.
- 8 Nicholas is passionate like his mother.



E Elizabeth

- 9 Elizabeth's different from her brothers.
- 10 Her brothers are similar to their dad.

Glossary: *conscientious* = careful to do the things that need doing; *reserved* = don't like to talk about or show emotions and feelings; *passionate* = show strong feelings, e.g. love, anger

5 What do you know about your family history? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 2:40-3:27 and delete the wrong words.



A Brogan

- 1 My name's Brogan, and it's supposed to ~~come from~~/be Scottish or Irish, but I have no idea where it's really ~~of~~/from.



B Paul

- 2 My family history goes quite, quite a long way back on my ~~mother's~~/father's side.
- 3 ...she and her twin ~~sister~~/brother were adopted and we've only managed to go back one ~~eration~~ to the northwest of England.



Michael

- 4 I actually started to retrace my family *history/roots* last year, so I went to Northern Ireland, to Belfast...
- 5 Found the house that my great-grandfather *built/lived in* and where my grandfather was *born/born*.



Tracey

- 6 I don't know very much *of/about* my family history but I'd like to look into it in *the/--* future.

Glossary: *adopted* = legally make someone else's child your own; *generation* = people of about the same age; *retrace* = find out about; *look into* = find out the truth about something

The way we speak

6 The people in the pictures describe and compare members of their family. Watch the video podcast from 1:38-2:22 and complete what they say.



Tracey

I look ¹ *a lot* like my mum: we have, like, the same height and build and face structure. And, I ² _____ I have the same traits ³ _____ her. We, sort of, have a very ⁴ _____ personality in the way we think about things, the way we express ourselves.



Paul

I ⁵ _____ think I'm very much like my sister; I think she's very different ⁶ _____ me. I think I'm similar ⁷ _____ my father: we ⁸ _____ have a mathematical, 'science type' mind...



Brogan

Um, I look ⁹ _____ a lot like my sister. But she's ¹⁰ _____ a younger version of me. And she's thinner. And then, my mum, she's a ¹¹ _____ more reserved, so she's very organised and my dad is ¹² _____ louder, a lot more enthusiastic.

Glossary: *we have, like, the same height* = a slang word with no real meaning that is used a lot in spoken English, esp. by young people. It gives the speaker time to pause and think; *build* = body shape and size; *sort of* = when what you say is partly, but perhaps not exactly, true; *trait* = characteristic; *enthusiastic* = get excited about things

Personalisation

7 Write your answers to the questions.

1 What's your family like?

2 In what ways are you like your parents or siblings?

3 What do you know about your family history? Would you like to find out more?

BBC LINK

Most of us take after one parent more than another. But how is it possible that a black couple from London have had a blonde-haired, blue-eyed baby girl?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-10697682>

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