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All about me

1 Read the magazine page. Match the photos with the texts.

My best and worst points

Readers around the world tell us what they love – and hate – about themselves.

My best point is that I'm very sporty. I often play soccer or basketball in the afternoon with my friends and I always go swimming on Saturday. My worst point is that I'm untidy and I hate tidying my room.

Pernille from Copenhagen, 11

My best point is that I'm really musical. I play the saxophone in a band and I usually practice for an hour every evening. My worst point is that I'm not very sporty and I really hate exercise.

Kim from Seoul, 12

I think my best point is that I'm funny and I always make my friends laugh. My bad points are that I'm lazy and I'm very talkative! I talk on the phone all the time, and sometimes I'm not very nice to my Mom.

Silvia from Buenos Aires, 12

All my friends come to me when they need help with their homework – or with their computers. I think being helpful is my best point. My worst? I'm very shy when I meet new people, and I can never think of anything to say to them, but I like being with my friends.

Alex from London, 11



2

Who are their best friends? Listen and write the names from 1.

L1.1

a _____

c _____

b _____

d _____



His mom is **always** angry with us.
I **usually** practice for an hour every evening.
I can **never** think of anything to say.

3

Listen and read.

L1.2



4

Make a 'Who is it?' puzzle about a friend in your class.

This person is smart
and very talkative.

We often go inline
skating in the afternoon.

She's sporty too, and
she's good at drawing.

She isn't musical, and she isn't
very tidy, but she's always happy.

I think she's nice and very helpful.

Key words

funny	musical	smart	tidy
helpful	nice	sporty	untidy
lazy	shy	talkative	


1 Talk about the stars.

Picture a is Ronaldinho.
He's a soccer star.
He's Brazilian. I don't
know much about him.

Picture b is Antonio
Banderas. He's an actor.
He's Spanish. I like him.


International superstars

a




Ronaldinho
Brazilian
soccer star

b




**Antonio
Banderas**
Spanish actor

c



Manchester United
British soccer team

d



Chien Ming Wang
Taiwanese
baseball player

2 Talk about *your* heroes.

My favourite singer is Belinda. She's
Mexican. I really love her.

He's in my favorite movie. I really love him.
 She's cute. I like her.
 They're the best American pop band. He likes
 them.



3 Listen and mark the sentences T (True) or F (False).

L1.3



a ☐ Catboy has nine lives.

d ☐ Teenymon can change into twenty different animals.

b ☐ The Fantastic Teens are on TV on Friday afternoon.

e ☐ The 'Martins' comic book comes out every Saturday.

c ☐ Frogman's secret identity is pop singer Rick Lakeman.

f ☐ The Conductor is Thunder Woman's worst enemy.

4 Invent a superhero.



Name: *Mighty Mole*
Nationality: *American*
Secret identity: *Mark Marine, surfing star*
Special powers: *can dig tunnels very fast*
Worst enemy: *Brett Builder - builds underground cities*

1 Talk about the Superkids when they were younger and now.

tall short thin fat long straight curly dark blond

Jade was short and thin. Now she's ...



Jade



Zach



Kim




Brad



2 Listen and circle the differences.

3 Listen again and write the correct words.

L1.4



This was us in Grade 1, oh yeah, this was us in Grade 1.
This was us in Grade 1, oh yeah, this was us in Grade 1.

I was short. She was fat. He had long hair. You had braces.
 I was good at Math. You were into making faces.
 You were happy on your first day. She was very sad
 To be there in the classroom far from Mom and Dad.

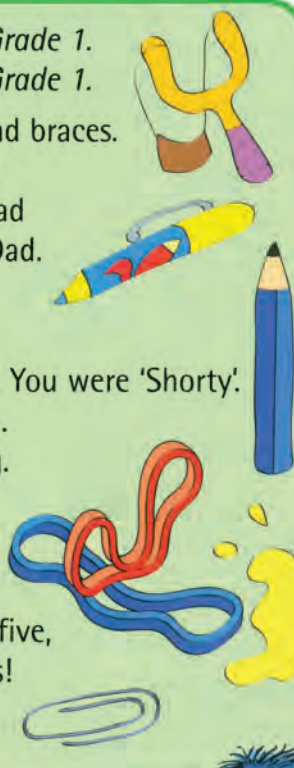
Chorus

We all had nicknames. We were often naughty!
 I was 'Beanpole'. She was 'Freckles'. He was 'Spike'. You were 'Shorty'.
 I was into baseball. She was good at playing piano.
 I was teacher's pet. We were sleepy every evening.

Chorus

I'm very different now from how I was at five.
 It's fun to see old photos – I really like these pics!
 You're very different now from how you were at five,
 It's fun to see old photos – I really love these pics!

Chorus



I was short.

We were sleepy every morning.



4

Read the portfolio. Answer the questions.

END OF ELEMENTARY PORTFOLIO: Tiana Garcia

Me and my family

My name's Tiana and I'm eleven years old. I live in Southern California. My parents are from Guatemala but I was born in the United States.

When I was a baby we lived in San Diego. My brother Santiago was also born there. When I was nearly six, we came to live in Riverside. My sister Gloria was born here. She's six years younger than me. Next year we're going to move to Los Angeles for my Dad's new job.

My early memories

I don't remember much about my life in San Diego, but I remember it was beautiful, and there was a great zoo. My best friend there was Emily. We were into playing with 'Barbie' dolls.

I remember my first day at kindergarten. I was five years old. I was very scared because I didn't know anyone. My first teacher was Rosa. She was very nice. I was shy in class but I was good at drawing.

Languages

My first words were in Spanish, but now I speak two languages. I speak Spanish at home with my family and English at school. I also study Spanish at school, and a lot of my friends speak it at home.

I prefer reading in English to reading in Spanish, and my spelling isn't very good in Spanish, so I prefer writing in English.

Now I'm leaving elementary school

Now I'm the oldest girl in my school. My best friend is Nadia. We like the same music and the same style. I think my best point is that I'm a good friend. My worst point is that I'm untidy.

Next year I start middle school in Los Angeles. I'm scared of going to a big school. There are only 85 children in my school in Riverside. I want to work hard in middle school and make a lot of new friends there.



- | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| a | Where were Tiana's brother and sister born? | d | What was Tiana good at when she was five? |
| b | Who was Tiana's best friend when she lived in San Diego? | e | How many languages can she speak? |
| c | What were they into? | f | What is she like now? |

5

Work with a partner. Talk about when you were younger.

best friend be good at be into nickname scared of

What were you like when you were four?

I was good at drawing and I was into swimming.
My best friend's name was Azucena.

My web page

1

You need:



a sheet
of card



4 photos



scissors



sticky
tape



felt-tip
pens

PREPARATION

*Find photos of you,
your family, your
friends, and you in
the past.*

JASON'S WEB PAGE



ME



This was me when I was
five. I was short and fat
and my hair was short.
I was into cars and
playing with plastic bricks.
I was scared of the dark.



MY FRIENDS

THIS WAS ME

2

Stick the top of the photos to
your web page and label them.

3

Under each photo, write
about you and your life.

4

Give your web page a title.

L1.7

Where in the World?

1

HI, ARE YOU UNCLE JON?

YEAH, THAT'S ME. HI, LILY. HI, BEN! WELCOME TO SOUTH AFRICA. I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME HERE.

DURBAN AIRPORT

ARRIV

LILY+BEN

WE SURE WILL!

2

SO, THIS IS YOUR APARTMENT, BUT WHERE'S AUNT ROSE?

SHE'S TRAVELING AGAIN, BUT SHE'S COMING BACK SOON.

3

ROSE LEFT THESE FOR YOU.

COOL! A CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

AND A DIGITAL CAMERA. WOW!

4

I'M GOING TO MAKE US SOME LUNCH.

HEY, LOOK. THERE'S A MESSAGE. IT SAYS LK EM. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

LK ... I KNOW, IT MEANS 'LOOK AT THE E-MAIL'. LET'S TURN ON THE COMPUTER.

5

auntrose@earthmail.com
Dear Lily and Ben,

Sorry I'm not there, but solve my new puzzle and come and meet me. You're going to visit seven different countries. Each time you arrive, text me to say where you are and then I can call you with a riddle. Solve the riddle to find a souvenir of that country and when you find it, take a photo of it. When you have seven photos, press the return button on the magic cell phone to come back here.

Good luck!
Aunt Rose

FANTASTIC! ANOTHER WORLD ADVENTURE!

6

ARGH!... WHAT DO I PRESS?

QUICK, GIVE IT TO ME.

7

YOUR FIRST SOUVENIR HAS BIGGER EARS THAN ITS INDIAN COUSINS. LOOK FOR IT IN THE HALLWAY.

WHAT ON EARTH DOES SHE MEAN?

IT'S THE FIRST RIDDLE. COME ON, RACE YOU TO THE HALLWAY!

8

IT HAS BIGGER EARS THAN ITS INDIAN COUSINS ... I KNOW, THE ELEPHANT!

OK! I'M GOING TO TAKE A PHOTO AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

Which country do Lily and Ben visit next?

What is Uncle Jon's apartment number? (N-S)

What floor is his apartment on? (W-E)

Turn to page 80. Complete the phonecard. Find the next country.

Clothes zone

1 Find the clothes in the picture.

a striped sweater
a plain short-sleeved dress
a light brown jacket
a long-sleeved checkered shirt
a pair of baggy navy blue shorts
a pair of light gray boots
a bright yellow sweatshirt
a pair of dark gray and blue sweatpants
a pair of patterned leggings
a tight blue top
a pair of black and white sneakers



2

Listen and match the names with the people.

L2.1

3

Play 'Guess who?' with your class.

Amy Jemma Karen Ryan Will

Her top is blue and white. It's striped.

Marta.

His sweatpants are dark green.

Juan.

4

Read and match the questions with the answers.

OUR CLOTHES

Matilde is 14 and lives in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Jun is 12 and lives in Kyoto, Japan.

Naomi is 13 and lives in Seattle, United States.

They tell us about the clothes they wear at school.

What is your favorite thing in your closet?

Do you wear a school uniform?

Tell us about the clothes you are wearing in the photo.

Do you like your school clothes?

What do you wear on the weekend?



1 ...?

M: Yes, I do. It's red and white.

J: I do too. My uniform is dark blue and gray.

N: No, I don't. Phew!

2 ...?

M: Yes. My uniform's OK. I think it looks neat.

J: No, I don't. It's very old fashioned and the jacket feels too tight.

N: Yes. I can wear what I like mostly.

3 ...?

M: I have a lot of favorite clothes. I really like my new blue jeans.

J: That's difficult. Maybe my black ski jacket.

N: My Tommy Hilfiger T-shirt.

4 ...?

M: I like wearing long skirts and T-shirts.

J: I usually wear jeans and a sweater.

N: I wear sweatpants and a T-shirt.

5 ...?

M: Well, this is my school uniform. I like the color. I think it looks good.

J: This is my school uniform. It's very traditional. The jacket is really uncomfortable!

N: I'm wearing my favorite blue jeans. I wear them all the time! My top is new. I don't usually wear bright colors, but I think this looks good with my jeans.

5

Work with a partner. Ask and answer. Make notes to tell the class.

- What's your favorite thing in your closet?
- What do you wear to school?
- What do you wear on the weekend?



my / your / his / her / its / our / their

1 Look. Who are they going to be?

Batwoman Cleopatra a clown
a cowboy a spy a pirate

2 Listen and read.
Label the costumes.

L2.2

*It's carnival! We're going to have a party.
We're going to sing, and we're going to have fun.*



I'm going to wear a long black beard,
A scarf, and a wooden leg.



I'm going to wear a curly wig
And my nose is going to be red.
Chorus



I'm going to wear a hat
and boots,
A vest, a belt and a gun.



I'm going to wear a wig
and earrings.
Oh, what fun!
Chorus



I'm going to wear a mustache
and glasses.
I'm going to put on a raincoat
and a hat.



I'm going to wear black tights
and a mask,
With a long cloak on my back.

*It's carnival! We're going to have a party.
We're going to sing, Are you going to come?*

3 Work with a partner. Ask and answer.

I'm going to wear a big brown hat.

Are you going to be a spy?

No, I'm not.

Are you going to be a cowboy?

Yes, I am.

I'm going to wear a blue hat.

Are you going to be a pirate?

She's going to be a spy.



4

Read the article. Answer the questions.

Carnival comes to town

ANYONE CAN JOIN IN A CARNIVAL.
ALL YOU NEED IS A COSTUME!

It's very colorful, it's very famous, and it's the biggest carnival in the world – it's the Rio de Janeiro carnival in Brazil and it takes place in February.

Every year there is a competition to be Momo, the King of the Carnival. To be the King, you must be a Brazilian man, live in Rio, and weigh over 240 lbs.

You can see hundreds of floats in the huge Rio street parade, or you can watch them on TV. All the people in the parades wear great costumes.



The most famous carnival in the United States is in New Orleans. It takes place in February. It is called Mardi Gras, which means 'Fat Tuesday' in French. People dress up in purple, green and gold clothes – the festival colors. Every year there is a carnival king 'Rex' and his queen. They travel on a float with people who are called 'maskers'. The maskers throw money, candy, and other things to the crowds in the streets.



Carnivals take place in towns and cities all over Britain during the summer. Notting Hill Carnival in London started in the 1960s. Notting Hill is an area in west London where there are a lot of people from the Caribbean. At carnival time you can listen to steel bands playing calypso music. You can also eat Caribbean food such as fried bananas. Notting Hill Carnival is now one of the biggest street festivals in Europe.

- | | |
|---|---|
| a Which carnival is the biggest in the world? | d Which carnival has colors of gold, purple, and green? |
| b Which carnivals take place in February? | e Which carnivals have a carnival king? |
| c Which carnival is one of the biggest in Europe? | |

5

Talk about festivals in **your** country.

- When do you have festivals? What do people do?
- Are you going to dress up for your next festival? What are you going to wear? Who are you going to be?



Read all about ...

THE FIRST PAIR OF JEANS

In 1850, a young German man called Levi Strauss arrived in San Francisco at the time of the 'gold rush'.



Levi saw that the miners needed more than new tents!



He started to make his strong tent material into pants.



In around 1860 Levi started to make his pants with a softer material. He decided to dye it dark blue.



Cowboys soon found a way to make their Levis fit perfectly.



Levi used two horses to show how strong his pants were. Then he added a leather label on the back pocket of his jeans.



Levi's were clothes for work until 1935 when they entered the world of clothing ... and they are still very popular today!



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