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1. MY PERSONALITY



1 Read the statements and circle true or false.

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| 1. Introverts are often quiet. | true | false |
| 2. Introverts seem to communicate better than extroverts. | true | false |
| 3. Extroverts like to spend lots of time alone. | true | false |
| 4. If you prefer listening to speaking, you are probably an introvert. | true | false |
| 5. In general, extroverts enjoy social events more than introverts. | true | false |
| 6. Ambiverts usually seek out attention. | true | false |

2 Circle the correct verb forms. Listen and check your answers. (1-0)



Next week, my best friend and I 1. (start / are starting) our junior year in college. We're roommates. In fact, 2. (we've moved / we're moving) into our new apartment this weekend. We've 3. (know / known) each other since we were eight years old, and we've always had very different personalities.

Shelly is an introvert. She 4. (is loving / loves) to read and have deep, thoughtful conversations. She 5. (hates / has hated) small talk, and she doesn't like to be the center of attention.

She wants to be a writer, so she 6. (is majoring / has majored) in literature.

I'm different. 7. (I'm being / I'm) outgoing and—well, a little loud. I love meeting new people, and I'd rather go out and see my friends than stay home with a book. I 8. (like / am liking) working with and helping others, so I'm studying physical therapy.

Shelly and I are different, but we 9. (are understanding / understand) each other. Maybe we get along well because opposites attract!

3 Match the words with the correct definitions.

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| 1. social | • | a. when a person does not talk much |
| 2. calm | • | b. liking to be with and talk to people |
| 3. quiet | • | c. feeling nervous about meeting and talking to people |
| 4. creative | • | d. the belief or feeling that you can do something well |
| 5. confidence | • | e. a person who likes to be alone or likes to do things without other people |
| 6. lively | • | f. friendly and likable |
| 7. shy | • | g. active and energetic |
| 8. loner | • | h. having or showing an ability to make new things or think of new ideas |
| 9. charming | • | i. quiet and peaceful; not angry, upset, or excited |

2. MY HOBBIES

1 Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. One word will not be used.

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- Let's stop at the _____ store, so I can get some new headphones.
- Living in the country is great because of the beautiful _____.
- Every day, I write and post photos on my _____.
- I collect art as a hobby, so I always try to buy some local _____ when I travel abroad.
- It's dangerous to go _____ in the forest on your own.
- You don't need much _____ to play soccer—just a ball, really.

2 Complete the sentences using the given words. Put the verbs in the correct present tenses. Use contractions where possible. Then listen and check your answers. **11-12**

Leah: Hey, Pablo! What **1.** _____ (you / do) out so early in the morning?

Pablo: Well, actually, I **2.** _____ (play) computer games all night at a friend's place. Why **3.** _____ (be) you up at this hour?

Leah: I usually **4.** _____ (get up) early to walk the dog.

Pablo: I see. What's your dog's name again? I **5.** _____ (forget).

Leah: Lulu. She **6.** _____ (love) her early-morning walks around campus.

Pablo: Yeah, she **7.** _____ (look) happy—she's cute.

8. _____ (I / always / like) dogs, but **9.** _____ (I / never / own) one. They **10.** _____ (seem) like a lot of work.

Leah: They are, but they're worth it. So, **11.** _____ (you / head) home now?

Pablo: Yeah, I **12.** _____ (need) to get some sleep before class. See you!



3 Complete the sentences with information that is true for you.

- Lately, I've been _____.
- I've never _____.
- This year, I'm _____.
- Since I was a kid, I've _____.

3. MY DREAMS

1 Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Two words will not be used.

various
realistic

honest
profession

plan B
talent

salary
suitable

ambition
obvious

1. Majoring in math was the _____ choice for me since it's my best subject, and I enjoy it.
2. Britney definitely has a(n) _____ for acting. She should join the drama club.
3. Many people choose the same _____ as their parents. For example, both Manuel and his dad are pharmacists.
4. There are _____ factors to consider when choosing a job: pay, working hours, location, etc.
5. Sales is probably not a(n) _____ career for a very shy person.
6. He's excited about his new job because he'll be earning a much higher _____.
7. Do you really think my resume looks okay? Please be _____.
8. I hope to get a job as a journalist. But if I can't, accounting is my _____.

2 Choose the correct answers.

1. If you're not busy, could you please help me? _____ trouble with this application.
a. I have b. I'm having c. I had
2. Cameron and Rachel _____ each other for about three months.
a. have been seeing b. are seeing c. see
3. Many people _____ that it's good to have a lot of ambition, but I'm not sure I agree.
a. were feeling b. are feeling c. feel
4. Sorry, I didn't hear what you said. I _____ about something else.
a. thought b. was thinking c. did think
5. Since he was little, Martin _____ always _____ to go to medical school.
a. has, wanted b. is, wanting c. was, wanted

3 Read the letter to an advice column and put check marks (✓) next to true or false.

Dear Emily,

I'm thirty, and I was a computer programmer for eight years after college. I earned a lot of money, and I liked my coworkers, but I was so bored! I've always been interested in police work, and I felt that I'd be good at it. So a month ago, I quit my job and applied to the police academy. The pay won't be as high as my previous salary, but I'm excited about starting on a new path. My friends and family think I'm not being realistic. They think it's too late to change careers. What do you think?

Signed,
Future Cop



1. The letter writer could not make a living at her old job. true false
2. She enjoyed working as a programmer. true false
3. She believes that she has a talent for police work. true false
4. Her future salary will be lower than her past salary. true false
5. Her friends and family think she has made a good decision. true false