

LISTENING

You will hear two people talking about their experiences of winning. Complete the sentences with a word from the recording. You will hear the recording twice.

DIEGO:

0 Diego was persuaded by his _____ **teacher** _____ to enter the competition.

1 The visit _____ what he wanted to do when he was older.

2 His story was a _____ in a magazine.

ZOFIA:

3 Zofia doesn't enjoy the _____ that competition can bring.

4 The competition included entrance _____ and to the main concert.

5 She thinks the reputations of famous people are often _____.

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

Section 1

Use the word given in bold at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Mistaken identity: The tale of Martin Guerre

The story of Martin Guerre took place in France in the 16th century. It revolves around the ⁰ disappearance of a **disappear** man called Martin Guerre. In 1548, Martin abandoned his village after an ¹ _____ that he'd been stealing **accuse** from his father. However, years later, a man turned up in the village claiming to be Martin. His possessed a detailed knowledge of many intimate aspects of knowledge of Martin's life and was so utterly ² _____ that **convince** even his wife, Bertrande, was taken in by him.

However, after some time Bertrande's uncle, Pierre, became ³ _____ of the new Martin and started **suspect** to investigate him. He identified the man as Arnaud du Tilh and took legal action against him. During the process of trials that followed, the real Martin Guerre ⁴ _____ **dramatic** appeared. When Bertrande and Martin's family confirmed he was the genuine article and the case was closed. In the end, Arnaud apologised to Bertrande for his ⁵ _____. **honest**

Section 2

Read the article. Circle the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text.

The connection between birth order and personality

In many families, the personalities of siblings are compared to draw out **similarities and differences**. Many of those comparisons tend to link characteristics to age, specifically birth order. Popular culture attaches a range of **personality attributes to first born, middle and youngest children** and 20th century research is largely responsible for this practice. Yet current **academic thinking on this topic has comprehensively rejected the claims** of all this previous research.

The idea that a child's personality was partly determined by birth order was proposed by the psychiatrist Alfred Adler early in the 19th century. He **suggested that birth order could well account for contrasting personality** traits. For example, first-born children were more likely to be conservative and **diligent, whereas middle children are emotionally stable and the youngest** children the most ambitious. Studies from the 1960s and 1980s also concluded **that birth order and personality were linked**.

This idea was developed into the 'Family Niche Theory' during the 1990s by **psychologist Frank Sulloway**. He **researched a large group of famous** historical figures and noticed some trends in personality traits. He concluded **that political leaders were often first-born children, and thinking people** like Charles Darwin and Mahatma Gandhi were later-born children. It is not **difficult to imagine why this theory is so popular with parents and** educators, as it is intuitive. Many people can also easily find anecdotal **examples in their own families**.

0 What does the writer say about birth order and personality in paragraph 1?

A Most academic research on this topic was conducted during the 20th century.

B Birth order affects personality in similar ways across different cultures.

C There is no evidence to conclusively prove a connection between them.

1 According to early psychologists, the order that children were born in ...

A determined whether they were more likely to be successful and famous.

B affected how their relationships were with each other in later life.

C was one of the things that affected the development of their character.

2 The writer suggests that Family Niche Theory was ...

A more interesting to educators than other members of society.

B likely to be believed as it made sense to most people.

C an easy way for parents to better understand their children.

However, more recent research has found nothing to support the theory. In a **study of 20,000 people in the UK, the USA and Germany, no clear differences in personality based on birth order were found. Given the widespread belief in the idea, why was no supporting evidence found?**

Firstly, the original studies involved teenagers or university students, were **conducted at one moment in time and unable to show if people's personalities shifted over time. Young people's attitudes towards rules, obligations and duties tend to become more positive as they mature. As such, different aspects of the young participants' personalities may have subsequently flourished. We cannot know without any follow-up studies on this cohort.**

Another factor to consider is that participants were asked to evaluate themselves and their siblings. This is highly significant because the way we judge ourselves against others can differ enormously.

What was significant about Julia Rohrer's recent study was that far more **analytical measures were employed. The researchers measured differences within families then compared profiles of people from different families but with the same birth order, and importantly, with people who had never met each other. Her investigation also extended over the complete life span of participants. The results showed nothing to indicate that birth order caused personality differences nor have subsequent studies.**

While it may take time to overturn the myth of birth order affecting personality, this topic highlights the importance of revisiting research in light of new evidence. This is the only way we can transcend outdated ideas and theories, and better understand the world we live in.

3 What does the writer say was problematic with the early studies?

- A** They only focussed on the personalities of young adults.
- B** There was a lack of subsequent research using the original participants.
- C** The studies focussed too heavily on positive characteristics.

4 Why is recent research considered to be more reliable than previous studies?

- A** It applied more rigorous research methods.
- B** It studied a much larger group of people.
- C** It was conducted in many different cultures.

5 Overall, the writer wants to highlight the fact that ...

- A** people no longer believe birth order and personality are connected.
- B** knowledge must be constantly re-examined and corrected.
- C** academic research often challenges people's beliefs.

WRITING

Your class has been watching some online talks about what it means to be successful. You have made the notes below:

How do we measure success?

- Work-life balance
- Improving the world for everyone
- Reaching personal goals

Some opinions given in the talks

- Balance reduces stress in families
- Focuses people on worthwhile jobs
- People feel a sense of achievement

Write an essay discussing **TWO** ways to measure success from your notes.

Explain which way is a better way to measure success.

Give **reasons** to support your answer.

You may use of the opinions given in the talks but should use your own words.

Write between 220-260 words.

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SPEAKING

Choose ONE set of three questions per student.
Give each student 3-4 minutes.

Holidays

- 1 Do you prefer going on organised holidays or planning your own holidays?
- 2 Would you say you're an adventurous person? Why / Why not?
- 3 What advice would you give to a tourist who has just arrived in our hometown?

Decisions

- 1 What important decision have you had to make recently?
- 2 Would you say that you're a decisive person? Why / Why not?
- 3 What advice would you give someone who is unsure what career to choose?

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TOTAL: ___ / 80

x 1.25 = ___ / 100