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Family affairs

Before you watch

1 You are going to watch Sue and William talking about each other. Work with a partner, look at their photographs and discuss the questions.



- a) What do you think William and Sue are like as people?
- b) What do you think the relationship between them is?

b) *How would you describe yourself?* William says he is ...

- 1 hardworking.
- 2 anti-social.
- 3 professional.
- 4 sociable.
- 5 sympathetic.

While you watch

2 Watch the programme. Check your answers to Exercise 1 and tick the points (a–g) that they mention.

- a) their good qualities
- b) a secret they have
- c) their relationship now
- d) the last time they met
- e) an argument they had
- f) their bad habits
- g) their favourite possession

c) *How would you describe her?* William says Sue is ...

- 1 outgoing.
- 2 professional.
- 3 hardworking.
- 4 buoyant.
- 5 sociable.

3 Watch the programme again and complete the answers (a–j). Tick all the answers (1–5) that are correct.

- a) *How would you describe him?* Sue says William is ...
- 1 sociable.
 - 2 lazy.
 - 3 outgoing.
 - 4 fussy.
 - 5 a good communicator.

d) *How would you describe yourself?* Sue says she is ...

- 1 hardworking.
- 2 moody.
- 3 bossy.
- 4 nery.
- 5 domesticated.

e) *Has your son got any annoying habits?* Sue says William ...

- 1 plays loud music.
- 2 has lots of girlfriends.
- 3 smokes.
- 4 snores.
- 5 likes expensive clothes.

f) *Do you think you have any annoying habits?* William says he ...

- 1 is messy.
- 2 plays music too loudly.
- 3 drinks too much.
- 4 likes expensive clothes.
- 5 snores.

g) *Has your mum got any annoying habits?* William says Sue ...

- 1 likes expensive clothes.
- 2 snores.
- 3 keeps in touch with his ex-girlfriends.
- 4 bites her nails.
- 5 leaves the washing up.

h) *Do you think that you have any annoying habits?* Sue says she...

- 1 is untidy.
- 2 talks too loudly.
- 3 is forgetful.
- 4 is repetitious.
- 5 is always on the phone.

i) *What's the best thing about your relationship now?* Sue says ...

- 1 we do our own things.
- 2 we have the same interests.
- 3 we don't live together.
- 4 we're like friends.
- 5 we don't argue.

j) *What's the best thing about your relationship now?* William says ...

- 1 we do our own things.
- 2 we're like friends.
- 3 we don't see each other.
- 4 we get on well.
- 5 we're like a normal mother and son.

After you watch

4 Work with a partner and answer these questions.

- a) Why does Sue call William a *party animal*?
- b) Why does William say Sue is good to invite to parties?
- c) Why is Sue irritated by William's taste for expensive clothes?
- d) How has Sue embarrassed William?
- e) How does Sue think she bores people?

5 Complete the extracts (a-i) with the words and phrases in the box.

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- a) ... one of his _____ is that he's a really good communicator.
- b) ... I think I've _____ from my mum ...
- c) She's _____ you'd like to have at a party ...
- d) I'm pretty domesticated, although _____, I can't cook.
- e) ... I'm probably a bit nervy actually, _____. But perhaps that goes with being quite creative ...
- f) He snores. But that doesn't _____ because I don't live in the same house as him anymore.
- g) ... I think the neighbours _____ that now.
- h) ... I leave things all over the place and _____ leave the washing up ...
- i) ... I think our relationship has _____.

6 Work with a partner. Think about the questions (a-d), then tell your partner about two of them.

- a) Have your parents ever embarrassed you?
- b) Have you ever embarrassed your parents?
- c) Can you think of a time when you were proud of your parents?
- d) Can you think a time when you made your parents proud of you?