



## My Secret Diary

Name: Kate Green

Age: 12



My mum's name is Jane. She's 35 and a music teacher. She can play the guitar. She's very clever.

This is my dad, David. He's 42 and he's a pilot. He can speak French. He's very cool.



Tom is my brother. He's 8 and he's very naughty, but deep-down he's very caring! Playing computer games is his hobby!



Helen is my grandma. She's 70 years old. She's kind and friendly. She can make biscuits, but she often burns them.

This is my grandpa. His name's Ben and he's 72. He's really funny.



Emma is my baby sister. She's sweet, but very noisy! She can't walk yet.



## Reading

1 Read Kate's diary and answer the questions.

- |                                      |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Who are the members of her family? | 3 How old are they?         |
| 2 What are their names?              | 4 What is her father like?  |
|                                      | 5 What can her mother play? |

### Learning to Learn

#### Using dictionaries

A dictionary provides us with information about the meaning, pronunciation and spelling of words. It also tells us what part of speech each word is.

**cool** /ku:l/ *adj* fashionable  
My dad's cool and trendy.

## Vocabulary

### • Character

2 Use your dictionary to explain the words.  
What are Kate's family members like?

- |         |            |           |
|---------|------------|-----------|
| 1 cool  | 4 clever   | 7 funny   |
| 2 kind  | 5 friendly | 8 naughty |
| 3 sweet | 6 noisy    | 9 caring  |

► Her father is cool.

## Speaking

3  Talk about your family.

- A: What's your sister like?  
B: She's sweet and clever.

## Grammar see p. 111

### • Can (ability)

4 Read the table. Find examples in the diary.

Affirmative	Negative
I/you/he/etc <b>can</b> speak English.	I/you/he/etc <b>can't</b> speak English.
Interrogative	Short answers
<b>Can</b> I/you/he/etc speak English?	Yes, I/you/he/etc <b>can</b> . No, I/you/he/etc <b>can't</b> .

5 Read the text on p. 38. Complete sentences 1-5 with *can* or *can't*.

- Jane ..... play the guitar.
- Emma ..... walk.
- Helen ..... make biscuits.
- David ..... speak Russian.
- Ben ..... make people laugh.

What about you? I ..... but I .....

### • Possessive ('s/s')/whose

6 Read the table. Look at Joe's family tree. Ask and answer questions.

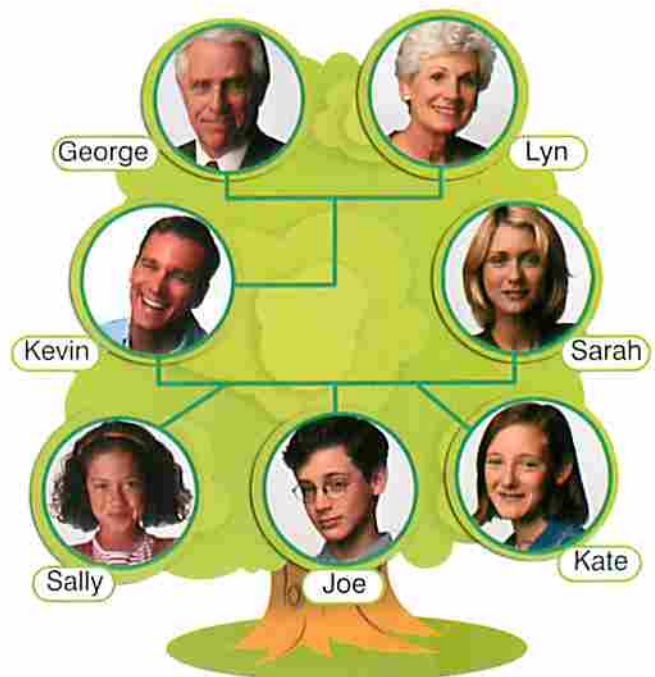
noun singular + 's	noun plural -s + '
Bill's brother	the boys' ball BUT
Whose brother is Tony?	the men's car

► A: Who's Lyn?

A: Whose brother is Joe?

B: She's Kevin's mother.

B: Kate and Sally's.



## Writing

7 Write a secret diary like the one on p. 38 about your family.

# Famous people

**TEENS' FAVOURITE!!!**

She's the world's favourite Latin singer. She's young, she's beautiful, she's got a great voice. She's a 'Woman of Grace'.



Shakira's full name is Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll. She's from Barranquilla, Colombia, South America. Her birthday's on 2nd February. She's got four brothers and four sisters. Shakira can speak five languages. She dances and sings well. She likes painting and listening to jazz music. She doesn't like hip hop. Do you like her?

## Reading

1 Read or listen to the text. Answer the questions about Shakira.

- 1 What's her full name?
- 2 Where is she from?
- 3 When's her birthday?
- 4 How many brothers and sisters has she got?
- 5 What can she do?
- 6 What does she like?

## Grammar see p. 112

- Present Simple (negative & interrogative)

2 Read the table. Find examples in the text.

### Negative

I/you/we/they **don't** like painting.  
He/she/it **doesn't** like painting.

### Interrogative

**Do** I/you/we/they like painting?  
**Does** he/she/it like painting?

### Short answers

Yes,	I/you/we/they	do.
No,		don't.
Yes,	he/she/it	does.
No,		doesn't.

3 Fill in *do, does, don't* or *doesn't*.

- 1 ..... you like football? Yes, I .....
- 2 ..... your friend have a sister? No, she .....
- 3 ..... they live in Brazil? No, they .....
- 4 ..... Bob sleep a lot? Yes, he .....

## Speaking

4 Ask and answer.

- 1 ▶ Do you play football? *Yes, I do.*
- 2 ..... your mum work? .....
- 3 ..... your friend go jogging? .....
- 4 ..... you live in a flat? .....
- 5 ..... you swim well? .....
- 6 ..... your dad get up early? .....

## Writing (an article about an actor/actress)

5 Think of your favourite actor/actress. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where is he/she from?
- 2 When's his/her birthday?
- 3 How many brothers/sisters has he/she got?
- 4 What can he/she do?
- 5 Which are his/her most famous films?

**Portfolio:** Use your answers to write a short article about him/her for the school magazine. (40-50 words)

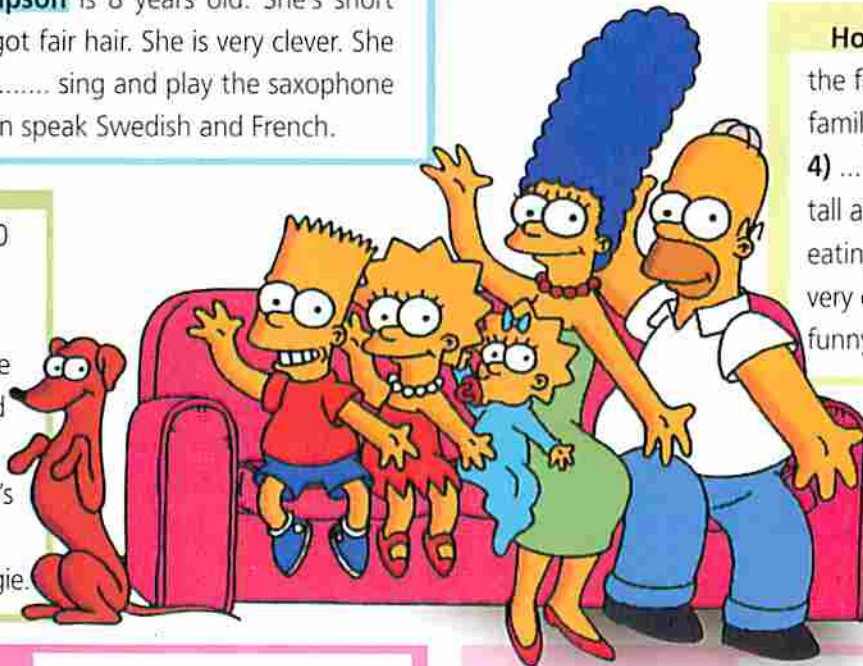
## THE SIMPSONS

### American TV Families

'The Simpsons' is a very popular TV show, not just in America 0) **▶ but** all over the world. It is about a funny cartoon family from Springfield, USA.

**Lisa Simpson** is 8 years old. She's short and she's got fair hair. She is very clever. She 1) ..... sing and play the saxophone and she can speak Swedish and French.

**Bart Simpson** is 10 years old. He is short with fair hair. He is naughty and noisy. He likes comic books and skateboarding. He can speak French. He's 2) ..... two sisters, Lisa and Maggie.



**Homer Simpson** is the father of the family. He is 39 years 4) ..... and is tall and plump. He likes eating a lot. He is not very clever, but he's funny.

**Maggie Simpson** is the baby of the family. She is small and she has got fair hair. She can't walk and she can't talk, but she can play the saxophone. She is quiet, friendly 3) ..... very clever.

**Marge Simpson** is the mother of the family. She is 38 years old. She is tall and slim and 5) ..... hair is blue! She can cook well and she is very patient and kind. She doesn't like aeroplanes.

1 Read the theory. Then fill in *and* or *but*.

#### Linkers (and, but)

- We use *and* to add something. *He's tall and thin.*
- We use *but* to show contrast. *He can dance but he can't sing.*

- 1 He's clever ..... friendly.
- 2 She's friendly ..... not very funny.
- 3 He can dance ..... sing.
- 4 She can speak French ..... she can't speak Italian.

2 Read the text and complete the missing words. Listen and check.

3 Ask and answer questions about *The Simpsons*.

- Who's ...? • How old ...? • What does ... look like?
- What is ... like?

- ▶ A: Who's Homer?  
B: The father of the family. How old is he? etc

### Project

4 Work in groups. Write short descriptions about a TV family in your country.

## Literature

### My Family

1 as ..... as a bee

9 as ..... as a lamb

2 as ..... as an owl

8 as ..... as a peacock

3 as ..... as a kitten

7 as ..... as an ox

4 as ..... as a snail

5 as ..... as a mouse

6 as ..... as a mule

My mum's as busy as a bee  
 Because she looks after my family and me  
 My dad is as strong as an ox  
 Because he's got big muscles and he can box  
 My sis is as quiet as a mouse  
 Because you can hardly tell when she's in the house  
 My brother is as slow as a snail  
 But he's clever and can never fail  
 I am as stubborn as a mule  
 'cause I'm headstrong<sup>1</sup> but really cool!

<sup>1</sup> stubborn

1 Explain these adjectives. Use them to complete similes 1-9.

- playful • proud • quiet • wise • busy
- gentle • strong • stubborn • slow

Close your books. Try to remember as many animal similes as you can.

2 Listen and read the poem. What animal similes can you find?

3 Find the rhyming words in the poem (the words that sound similar).

▶ bee - me

### Writing

4 Write your own poem about your family. Use animal similes. Read your poem out to the class.

My mum is as busy as a bee.  
 She's very busy with me.  
 My dad is as ... as a/an ...  
 He ... etc.

**THINK!** Complete the sentence.

My family is important to me because ...