

UNIT 20 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

- Linh:** Do you have any older siblings, Jon?
- Jon:** Yeah, I have an older brother.
- Linh:** So, is he the responsible one?
- Jon:** Not really. He doesn't really work and he's in his thirties and still lives with our parents.
- Linh:** Really? That's so different from my family.
- Jon:** How many siblings do you have?
- Linh:** I have three older sisters and three younger brothers.
- Jon:** Oh wow, that's a huge family! Is that normal in Vietnam?
- Linh:** Yes, a lot of parents had a lot of children during the war. It's not uncommon to meet people with much larger families than mine.
- Jon:** So, tell me about your siblings.
- Linh:** Well, my mom got very sick when we were young, so she wasn't able to take care of our family. My oldest sister sort of took over that responsibility in our family. Even to this day she still cooks for all of us and makes sure we do all the daily things that we need to do. She's maybe the most conservative and family-oriented out of all of my family members. She was a high school teacher in Vietnam before moving to America. She came here while I was still in college. She had to start her life over. When she came here, she had to take English classes and go to school again to become a dental assistant. She sacrificed so much so that her children could have a new future here in America, very much like she did for all the siblings in our family when we were growing up.
- Jon:** That sounds pretty different from my brother. What about your other sisters?
- Linh:** The second sister is the quietest in the family, and she is also the most accommodating. Whenever we go back to my parent's house for the holidays, she always goes back early to clean the house and cook for everyone. She's a professor in a university in Vietnam. My third sister is the most outgoing of all of us. What everyone in our family can agree

on is that she is very confident and ambitious person. She was always the best in her class and she eventually became a doctor at a big hospital in Vietnam.

Jon: So, which sister are you the most similar to?

Linh: I think we're all a little bit different. I'm pretty extroverted and I think I'm pretty ambitious with my career; however, I'd say that I'm also the odd one in my family. All of my sisters were married by the time they reached my age, and while all of my other siblings became teachers or doctors, I was the one who was interested in business and studying English. After graduating from my college in Vietnam, I got a job at an international bank and eventually decided to come to America to find a job in finance.

Jon: So, why do you think you and all of your sisters turned out the way that you did?

Linh: I haven't really thought about it too much. I've met many people who believe our personalities are determined by which year we were born in. What other people think is that our personalities are determined by what order we were born in. It could also be a result of what happened in our family.