

## READING

**A** Read the article about different personality types. For questions (1–5), match the words in bold to the meanings (a–g). There is an extra meaning you do not need. An example (0) has been done for you.

Every person tends to have a personality type. You might be naturally sociable and friendly or, on the other hand, someone quiet who prefers to stay at home. But there are times, for example, when a shy person might want to be a little more confident. Is this something that they can change or not?

This is an interesting question for psychologists, and the answer isn't a simple one. Most (0) **experts** agree that character type is something you are born with. Having said that, it is possible for someone to develop a certain trait that may not necessarily agree with their personality type.

It's easy to imagine this if you think about the following example. If the lights (1) **go off** in your house and you cannot see the door, you have to use another sense to get to it. It might be touch, hearing or smell, but not the sense you prefer for this task, i.e. sight. However, when the lights come back on, you will (2) **revert** to using your eyes because it's the most natural sense to apply.

The same is true for your personality. If you are a naturally relaxed person but you have a boss who would like their (3) **staff** to be very well-organized, you have to change your preference in order to keep your job. This is very much like not using your sight to find the door and having to use another sense. In a similar way, when you leave that place of work, you will probably become more relaxed again.

So, in short, someone cannot simply change their basic personality type but this is not to say that you cannot change some (4) **aspects** of it in a particular situation. Things like your work (5) **environment** or simply the fact you want to change can cause this to happen.

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| 0 experts     | <u>a</u> | a people who know a lot about a certain subject |
| 1 go off      | ___      | b something you are born with                   |
| 2 revert      | ___      | c the situation in which someone operates       |
| 3 staff       | ___      | d to stop working                               |
| 4 aspects     | ___      | e to return to something                        |
| 5 environment | ___      | f a team of people who work for a company       |
|               |          | g different parts of a bigger thing             |

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# Skills Test Units 1–3

B Read the email from Valeria to Helena and answer questions (1–5) according to what you read. An example (0) has been done for you.

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To: you@yourmail.com  
From: declan@hismail.com

Hi Helena,  
  
Thanks for your email – it was really good to hear from you. I'm glad things are going well for you.  
  
As for me, I have some big news. I'm moving to a new house because I got a new job in Valencia, which is almost an hour from where I live now. I could take the train from here, but I don't really want to take a long trip five days a week. And you can't really rely on the transportation here.  
  
My new apartment is very modern and clean. It's going to take most of my salary but what I really love about it is that it's convenient and only a five-minute walk from the city center. I looked around for a long time and found nothing for weeks, so I'm happy I finally have a place to live. There were cheaper places but they were noisy or dirty or just too far from my new office. I'm going to bike to work when I move. I'm interested in exercising, as you know, and this will be a great way to do that. I will not miss driving at all – the traffic is terrible and I have to leave home very early if I want to be at work on time.  
  
I'm taking a little vacation when I leave my current job. I need most of this time to move my things but I've organized a week away at a beach resort. It's in Greece, actually, and fairly near where you live. How about meeting up if you have time? I'd love to see you and your family. I'm going to talk to Aileen as well and invite her to come with me. I can't believe it has been five years since we were all together – it would be great to catch up for the first time since taking our final exams.  
  
Anyway, let me know.  
  
Take care,  
  
Valeria

0 Why is Valeria moving?

Because she got a new job.

1 Why does Valeria not want to take the train to work?

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2 What is Valeria's favorite thing about the new apartment?

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3 How does Valeria get to work right now?

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4 Why does Valeria suggest meeting Helena?

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5 When did the three friends last meet?

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## LISTENING



- A** Listen to five people talking about how they like to travel. Match each of the speakers (1–5) to one of the statements (a–g). There is an extra statement you do not need. An example (a) has been done for you.

- a I enjoy being around a lot of people. Speaker 2
- b I don't mind who I travel with. \_\_\_\_\_
- c I always travel with different friends. \_\_\_\_\_
- d I prefer to go on vacation alone. \_\_\_\_\_
- e I never go away on vacation. \_\_\_\_\_
- f I like going away with family. \_\_\_\_\_
- g I prefer to travel with a friend. \_\_\_\_\_

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- B** Listen to Frank talking to his sister Rebecca about moving back home. For questions (1–5), decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F). An example (0) has been done for you.

- 0 Rebecca knew her brother's job is ending. F
- 1 Frank thinks he's too old to move back home. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Frank enjoys cooking healthy meals. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Rebecca thinks Frank needs to go out more. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The job Frank found is not well paid. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Rebecca agrees to move out of Frank's old room. \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITING

**A** Write an *About me* section for a blog, website or social media page about someone you know. Think about:

- their job
- their likes and dislikes
- the type of person they are

Write your answer in 150 words.

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**B** Write an email of complaint to a vacation company. Think of a problem you had on vacation and two or more solutions to it. Try to use linking words in your answer. Write your email in 100–150 words.

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