

- 1** A: Our neighbours have just had a new baby girl.
B: Really? When was she born?
A: Two days ago.
B: What's she like?
A: I don't know. I haven't seen her yet.
B: Have they got any other children?
A: Yes, they've got a toddler. I think he's two years old.
B: How many people are there in their family?
A: Six. Two children and four adults. The grandparents live with them.
B: Do the adults all work?
A: No, the grandparents are pensioners. They're quite elderly.

- 2** A: Have you read that article about the Niowra tribe in Papua New Guinea?
B: No, I haven't. What does it say?
A: It describes how teenage boys become adults.
B: Do they have to do something special?
A: Yes. They're taken to a hut full of crocodile teeth and skulls and they have to stay there for six weeks.
B: Are the crocodiles important for them?
A: Yes, the people believe that crocodiles made the Earth and its people.
B: Do the boys live alone for six weeks?
A: Yes, but they're beaten several times a day, and they are told to think of their crocodile 'fathers and mothers'.
B: That sounds terrible!
A: Yes, but after six weeks the boys are stronger and braver, and then they are given adult responsibilities.

- 3** A: Do your parents let you go out during the week?
B: No, I'm only allowed to go out on Saturday night.
A: Are you allowed to stay up late?
B: I have to go to my room at 11 o'clock, but I can read if I want.
A: My parents let me watch TV until midnight during the week.
B: My older brother is allowed to do what he wants.
A: Really? Did they let him go to the concert last Thursday?
B: Yes. Were you allowed to go to it as well?
A: Yes, but I wasn't allowed to stay at my friend's house after the concert.
B: I'm fed up with my parents telling me what to do.

- 4** A: Have you ever been to the Brancacci Chapel in Florence?
B: No, I haven't. What's it like?
A: It's great! It's full of frescoes by Masaccio and Masolino.
B: Is it big?
A: No, it's very small. Only about twenty tourists are taken in at a time.
B: How long do they let you stay in the chapel?
A: You can stay for fifteen minutes.
B: Are people allowed to take photos?
A: Yes, but they're not allowed to use a flash.
B: Are tourists told about the history of the chapel?
A: Yes, a video is shown every hour.