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- A: How do you usually communicate with your friends?
- B: I write emails, I chat with them online, I phone them, and I send them text messages, and I talk to them face to face.
- A: What are the advantages and disadvantages of sending text messages?
- B: They're instant and they're good for communicating information. But sometimes they're not clear.
- A: And what about phoning people? What are the advantages and disadvantages?
- B: Phoning people is better and it's usually quicker and clearer, but sometimes you don't want to or can't talk.
- A: So what's the best way of communicating with people, in your opinion?
- B: Talking face to face, of course. You can see the person, so you can interpret their body language.
- A: Do you believe in telepathy?
- B: Yes, I do. There have been many cases of twins who communicate through telepathy.
- A: That would be the perfect way to communicate. It's instant and free, and you don't need any equipment – just your mind.

2

- A: What's being a twin like?
- B: It's great! Elena and I have had a special bond between us since we were born.
- A: Do you ever argue?
- B: Yes, of course. All brothers and sisters argue.
- A: Do you have a special way of communicating?
- B: Yes, when we were small we had a special language that no one else understood. Even our mother didn't understand it.
- A: That's amazing! And how do you communicate now?
- B: In the last few years we've started using telepathy to communicate.
- A: Really? What kind of things do you say to each other?
- B: We know especially when the other person is in trouble. Once Elena broke her leg, and I got a terrible pain in my leg when it happened.

3

- A: What is body language?
- B: It's when you use gestures, body movements and facial expressions to express yourself. It's non-verbal communication.
- A: Can you give me an example?
- B: Yes, for example if someone folds their arms while they are listening to you, they are probably feeling defensive, or cross.
- A: That's interesting, but it's sometimes difficult to interpret. For example, if someone avoids eye contact it can mean different things.
- B: Yes, you're right. And it's not universal. It varies from culture to culture.
- A: But it communicates a lot, doesn't it?
- A: Yes, it communicates 90% of what we want to say.
- B: But not when you're speaking on the phone. If people can't see each other, they can't use body language.
- A: That's true, but if you can see the person you're talking to, the listener's body language tells you a lot.
- B: Yes, you can see if they're interested or not.

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- A: How long have you known Mandy?
- B: I've known her for a very long time.
- A: Where did you first meet?
- B: We first met at a party three years ago.
- A: Why did you become friends?
- B: We found out that we both played the same video games.
- A: Have you ever been on holiday together?
- B: Yes, Mandy's family took me to Spain with them two years ago.
- A: Do you see each other a lot?
- B: No, not any more. Mandy's family moved to another town six months ago. Since then we haven't seen each other very much.