

## 1 A DESCRIPTION OF A PERSON

Read the two Facebook messages once and answer the questions.

- 1 Why has Angela written to Sofia?
- 2 Does Sofia recommend her friend to Angela?

### Messages

+ New Message



Angela Vernon

Hi Sofia,

I hope you're well.

I'm looking for an au pair to look after Mike and Sally, and I remembered your Polish friend Kasia, who I met last summer. She said she might be interested in working in England as an au pair, so I thought I would write and ask her. The thing is, I don't really know her, so before I write and suggest it, could you tell me a bit about her (age, personality, etc., and what she likes doing) so that I can see if she would fit in with the family? Please be honest!

Angela



Sofia Lugo

Hi Angela,

Kasia is one of my best friends, so of course I know her **very** well. She's 22 and she's just finished economics at university, but she doesn't have a job yet and I'm sure she would be **interested** in going to the UK. Her parents are both doctors, and she has two younger brothers. She gets on very well with them and they are a very close family.

Kasia's an intelligent girl and very hard-working. She can be **quite** shy at first, but when she gets to know you she's **incredibly** friendly. She loves children - she often looks after her brothers - so she has a lot of experience, and she's also very **responsible**.

In her free time she likes going to the cinema, listening to music, and she's also very good at **photography** - she always has her camera with her. She's **really independent** and happy to do things on her own, so you won't have to worry about taking her to places.

The only problem with Kasia is that she's **a bit forgetful**... she sometimes loses things, like her keys, or her phone. Also, to be honest her English isn't fantastic, but I'm sure she'll improve very quickly. I think Mike and Sally will love her.

I hope this helps! Let me know if you need anything else.

Love,

Sofia

- b The computer has found **five spelling mistakes** in Sofia's email. Can you correct them?
- c Read both emails again. Then cover them and answer the questions from memory.
  - 1 What five **+** adjectives describe Kasia's personality?
  - 2 What does she like doing in her free time?
  - 3 What negative things does Sofia say about Kasia?
  - 4 Does Sofia think Kasia will get on with Angela's family?
- d Look at the **highlighted** expressions we use to modify adjectives. Put them in the correct place in the chart.

Kasia is **very** forgetful.

#### Useful language: describing a person

He's **quite** / **very**, etc. + positive adjective (e.g. *friendly, outgoing*, etc.)

She's **a bit** + negative adjective (e.g. *untidy, shy*, etc.)

He **likes** / **loves** / **doesn't mind** + verb + **-ing**

She's **happy to** + infinitive

He's **good** | **with children**

| **at making new friends**

- e Imagine you received Angela's message asking about a friend of yours. **Write** an email to answer it. **Plan** what you're going to write using the paragraph headings below. Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank Personality p.153** to help you.

Paragraph 1	age, family, work / study
Paragraph 2	personality (good side)
Paragraph 3	hobbies and interests
Paragraph 4	any negative things?

- f **Check** your email for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).

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