

Unit 1 Friends and family

The tale of Seamus and Earl



People love Twix chocolate bar because it's delicious. Twix consists of two biscuit fingers, covered with caramel and milk chocolate. It is made by Mars, Inc.

Forrest Mars invented it in the United Kingdom at Mars Limited headquarters in 1967. At that time, it was called Raider, not Twix. When it was introduced in the

United States a decade later, however, it was called Twix. The company set up a clever website sharing "Our Story." So, what exactly is the story behind these tasty chocolate sticks?

Once upon a time, brothers Earl and Seamus had an unusual idea: to combine biscuit, caramel and chocolate into one beautiful bar. But as they developed their big idea, Seamus and Earl simply disagreed on almost everything.

The brothers had no choice: they had to separate the company into two factories to make left Twix and right Twix. The brothers built their factories side-by-side, looking across the parking lot and making fun of one another's factory. The two used different techniques to pour the chocolate. The right Twix factory is known for crunchier cookies. The left Twix factory has more of a chewy texture. Seamus and Earl never made up. And never again would a Left and a Right TWIX sit beside one another.

Adapted from: <https://www.twix.com/our-story>

Exercise 1: Choose the best answer from (a), (b) or (c).

1. Why do people like Twix?
 - a) Because there are two fingers in the package.
 - b) Because there are two flavours in the biscuit.
 - c) Because it tastes great.
2. What was the brothers' big idea?
 - a) To work together.
 - b) To build two factories.
 - c) To create a new type of chocolate bar.
3. After their quarrel, the brothers_____.
 - a) built two different factories
 - b) had different parking slots
 - c) moved far away from each other

4. What did the brothers change in the chocolate?
 - a) The production method.
 - b) The package.
 - c) The chocolate size.
5. How are left and right Twix bars different?
 - a) Left is crunchier.
 - b) Left is chewier.
 - c) Right is longer.

Exercise 2: Read the passage again and answer the questions.

1. Is the Twix story a true one? Why?

2. Why did the brothers quarrel?

Exercise 3: Read the three texts below and choose the best answer for each question.

Siblings

A. Brianna:

I happen to think my twin siblings are adorable. We of course get into arguments even though I am older. It's often a competition for our parents' attention, but these never last long. They are quite different - Mark is the sociable one and Robert is sporty. They sometimes drive me totally crazy. But all in all, I love them. Then there is my youngest sister. She is the cutest thing in the entire world! As you can all see, I think siblings are awesome (I'm sorry to all you only children out there. Don't take it personally)."

B. Natalie:

I am the mother of three children one of which has special needs. He's also my only boy. He and his sisters share a special bond. They know what he wants without him saying a word. They're always spending time with him and checking on him when he's too quiet. They make sure they have conversations with him and that his presence doesn't go unnoticed.

I think my most favourite part about their relationship is how excited they get when he does something. The things that seem small to others is so big to them especially when he does it.

C. Ezra:

My first younger brother has a special relationship with me; he is a funny brother, one who taught me a lot about the Star Wars movies. He teaches me sports. Although I wasn't happy when my parents announced for the first time that he was on the way, we now just have fun together. My second younger brother is, of all the kids, my first baby. By the time he was born I was old enough to take care of him – so I still have that big sister feeling toward him and treat him that way. The youngest sister in the family is like my child; I pick out her clothing, dress her like a doll, entertain her, and teach her all the important things in life like nail polish, jewellery, fashion. They really are the best kids – I have fun with them, and I love them and love taking care of them like that 'big sister' should."

Adapted from: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/band-brothers-and-sisters/201506/siblings-are-the-awesomest-children-talk-about-siblings>

		Brianna	Natalie	Ezra
1	Who is especially protective of his siblings?	A	B	C
2	Whose family has a member with a disability?	A	B	C
3	Who has three younger siblings?	A	B	C
4	Whose sibling has an interest in animated films?	A	B	C
5	Who wasn't excited when s/he heard about the birth of a new sibling?	A	B	C
6	Who feels proud of the siblings' relationship?	A	B	C
7	Who experienced fights or competitions among each other as children?	A	B	C

Exercise 4: Write an email to your friend telling him/her about your sibling or closest relative.

In your email:

- say what he/she is like.
- say if you have arguments and what you argue about.
- say why you love him/her.

Write about 80 words.

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Answer Key!

Exercise 1

1. c, 2. c, 3. a, 4. a, 5. b

Exercise 2

1. Probably not because of the use of the word 'tale' and the phrase 'once upon a time'.
2. Because they disagreed on how to make the bar.

Exercise 3

1. C, 2. B, 3. C, 4. C, 5. C, 6.B, 7. A