Speaking skills practice: Talking about your family – exercises

Sam wants to play Game of Kings. But Jack is more interested in Sam's family.

Do the preparation exercise first. Then watch the video and follow the instructions to practise your speaking.

**Preparation**

Write the words in the correct group.

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<th>mum</th>
<th>uncle</th>
<th>brother</th>
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<td>aunt</td>
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1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

1. Jack is surprised because ...
   a. you can't buy Game of Kings there yet.
   b. he doesn't like Game of Kings.
   c. Game of Kings is expensive.

2. Sam got the game from ...
   a. his brother Charlie.
   b. his half-brother Rob.
   c. his dad.

3. Rob and Sam have the same ...
   a. mum.
   b. dad.
   c. mum and dad.

4. Sam has ...
   a. never met his half-brother.
   b. met his half-brother twice.
   c. met his half-brother three times.

5. Rob's mum is ...
   a. in Mexico now.
   b. married to someone else.
   c. not very nice.

6. Sam's mum is ...
   a. divorced.
   b. fine about the situation.
   c. older than Sam's dad.
2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box.

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<td>married an American</td>
<td>was divorced</td>
<td>half-brother on Skype a lot</td>
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<td>you want to play?</td>
<td>I was really little</td>
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Jack: Hi Sam. How’s it going?
Sam: Good. How are you?
Jack: Fine, thanks. Hey, is that the new version of Game of Kings?
Sam: Yeah, do 1 ______________________________ _It's great!
Jack: Oh! You can't buy that here! Where did you get it?
Sam: From my brother. He 2 ______________________________
Sam: No, my other brother, Rob. ... Well, he's my 3 ______________________________.
Jack: But ... I don't get it ...
Sam: He's my dad's son. My dad went to New York to study and 4 ______________________________.
Jack: Your mum's American?!
Sam: No, no, not my mum ... before 5 ______________________________.
Jack: Ah, OK, I get it now. Wow, I didn’t know that! So, how old is your half-brother?
Sam: Er, he's five years 6 ______________________________, so he's twenty-three.
Jack: Cool. And do you see him often?
Not very often. I've 7 ______________________________. Well, three times, but the first time I don’t remember because 8 ______________________________. But we speak 9 ______________________________.
Jack: And have you met Rob's mum?
Sam: Yeah. She's 10 ______________________________. She's from Mexico originally. She's married 11 ______________________________ now.
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Jack: And what does your mum think?

Sam: Er, she's fine about it! She knew my dad and had a son.

Jack: Huh ... OK.

Sam: OK, enough questions. Do you want to play Game of Kings or what?

Jack: Yeah, cool.

3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Write one word to fill the gaps.

1. ______________ you want to play this game?

2. My cousin gave it ______________ me.

3. It's been years since I saw them. We went to visit them, but that was ages ______________.

4. My sister is four years older ______________ me.

5. She ______________ 19 years old.

6. We speak ______________ Skype a lot.

7. My grandma is ______________ Pakistan originally.

8. My brother is married ______________ a Polish woman.

9. I've been ______________ the States twice.

10. The first time I went I ______________ really little, so I don't remember much.

Discussion

What is your family like?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.