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Sibling fights lead to depression

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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New research says that you are more likely to have mental problems when you grow up if you have arguments with your siblings when you are a child. However, researchers say that parents should not stop brothers and sisters from fighting. It is best to let them sort it out for themselves. The researchers asked 145 pairs of teenage siblings why and when they had arguments. They said they had most arguments during the Christmas season. Researchers said this is because kids get jealous about presents. At Christmas, tensions get high over who gets the best presents and who plays the new video game first. Even the closest brothers and sisters end up arguing. If siblings continue to argue as they grow up, it can affect them later on in their lives. They can develop conditions such as depression and a lack of self-confidence. Dr Nicole Campione-Barr, a professor at the University of Missouri, warned parents that they should go to a professional if the kids' arguments become violent.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. more likely to have | a. it out |
| 2. have arguments | b. of teenage siblings |
| 3. let them sort | c. the Christmas season |
| 4. 145 pairs | d. about presents |
| 5. arguments during | e. mental problems |
| 6. kids get jealous | f. with your siblings |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. tensions | a. up arguing |
| 2. who plays the new | b. on in their lives |
| 3. the closest brothers and sisters end | c. get high |
| 4. it can affect them later | d. become violent |
| 5. a lack of self- | e. video game first |
| 6. if the kids' arguments | f. confidence |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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New research says that you are more likely to
(1) _____ when you grow up if you have
(2) _____ when you are a child.
(3) _____ that parents should
(4) _____ from fighting. It is best to let them sort
it out for themselves. The researchers asked
(5) _____ why and when they had arguments.
They said they had most arguments during
(6) _____. Researchers said this is because kids
get jealous about presents.

At Christmas, (7) _____ over who gets the best
presents and who plays (8) _____ first. Even
the (9) _____ end up arguing. If siblings continue
to argue as they grow up, (10) _____ on in
their lives. They can develop conditions such as depression and a
(11) _____. Dr Nicole Campione-Barr, a professor
at the University of Missouri, warned parents that they
(12) _____. if the kids' arguments become
violent.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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New (1) ___ says that you are more likely to have mental problems when you grow up if you have (2) ___ with your siblings when you are a child. However, researchers say that (3) ___ should not stop brothers and sisters from (4) ___. It is best to let them sort it out for themselves. The researchers asked 145 pairs of teenage siblings why and when they had arguments. They said they had most arguments during the Christmas (5) ___. Researchers said this is because kids get (6) ___ about presents.

At Christmas, (7) ___ get high over who gets the best presents and who plays the new (8) ___ first. Even the closest brothers and sisters end up arguing. If siblings continue to argue as they grow up, it can (9) ___ them later on in their lives. They can develop (10) ___ such as depression and a lack of self-confidence. Dr Nicole Campione-Barr, a professor at the (11) ___ of Missouri, warned parents that they should go to a professional if the kids' arguments become (12) ___ .

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) reach | (b) research | (c) researchers |
| 2. | (a) argue | (b) argues | (c) arguments |
| 3. | (a) children | (b) parents | (c) siblings |
| 4. | (a) fitting | (b) fighting | (c) falling |
| 5. | (a) season | (b) beacon | (c) treason |
| 6. | (a) jumpy | (b) happy | (c) jealous |
| 7. | (a) tensions | (b) jealousy | (c) arguments |
| 8. | (a) radio game | (b) stereo game | (c) video game |
| 9. | (a) affected | (b) affecting | (c) affect |
| 10. | (a) community | (b) condition | (c) communication |
| 11. | (a) University | (b) Kindergarten | (c) Elementary |
| 12. | (a) violent | (b) arguments | (c) mental |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. New rheceasr
2. mental rmblopse
3. gsmtunrae with your siblings
4. brothers and sisters from iifhggnt
5. during the Christmas aoesns
6. oasleuj about presents

Paragraph 2

7. nentoiss get high
8. Even the octsesl brothers and sisters
9. develop odonnaitsc
10. lack of self-idonnefcce
11. go to a lpsiroefosan
12. become tilnoev

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the new video game first. Even the closest brothers and sisters end up arguing. If siblings continue
- () go to a professional if the kids' arguments become violent.
- () out for themselves. The researchers asked 145 pairs of teenage siblings why
- () conditions such as depression and a lack of self-confidence. Dr Nicole Campione-Barr,
- () the Christmas season. Researchers said this is because kids get jealous about presents.
- (**1**) New research says that you are more likely to have mental problems when you grow
- () At Christmas, tensions get high over who gets the best presents and who plays
- () and when they had arguments. They said they had most arguments during
- () say that parents should not stop brothers and sisters from fighting. It is best to let them sort it
- () to argue as they grow up, it can affect them later on in their lives. They can develop
- () a professor at the University of Missouri, warned parents that they should
- () up if you have arguments with your siblings when you are a child. However, researchers

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. mental more problems likely to You have are.

2. siblings your with arguments have you If.

3. best is It themselves for out it sort them let to.

4. Christmas most season arguments during They the had.

5. because presents kids get This jealous is about.

6. best Tensions over the high gets presents get who.

7. closest sisters arguing the and up Even brothers end.

8. lives can later their It them in affect on.

9. develop can They depression as such conditions.

10. if become Go professional kids a the violent to.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WRITING

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Write about siblings for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Search the Internet and find more information about kids' arguments. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about siblings. Include an imaginary interview with a brother and sister who always argue. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a siblings expert. Ask him/her three questions about arguments between brothers and sisters. Give him/her three of your opinions on problems between brothers and sisters. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.