Pleased to meet you

1. Brush up your Vocabulary

A/ Introducing oneself:

- She was born on the twenty-third of April
- The first/second/third/fourth/fifth/sixth.....ninth/ tenth/ eleventh/twelfth.....twentieth/ twenty-second...../ Thirty-first... of January..
- 1982: nineteen eighty-two

1. Introduce the following people as in the example:

Mary, March 7, 1987 → Her name is Mary. She was born on the seventh of March, nineteen eighty-seven
Sheila: October 4, 1983
Andrew: May 5, 1999
Tim and Tom: July 12, 1948
Liz: February 23, 1962
You! .........................

B/ Family links:

- Grandparents: grandmother and grandfather
- Parents: father, mother;
  Stepfather/mother (beau-père/belle-mère= nouveau conjoint d’un père/d’une mère)
- Children: son, daughter, brother, sister, twin brothers/sisters (jumeaux/jumelles)
- Marital status: single, married, divorced.
  Father/mother/brother/sister-in-law (beau-père/belle-mère/beau-frère/belle soeur= parents de votre conjoint)
- Other members: uncle/aunt, nephew/niece, cousin (masculin et féminin)
2. Who is who? Complete the sentences!

1. Liz is Ian’s mother and Max’s …
2. Ruth is Ian’s … and Henry and Janet’s mother.
3. So, she is Bob’s …
4. Max is Liz’s … and Henry’s …
5. Janet is Max’s …

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2. Train and test your Listening Comprehension

Testez votre compréhension ! Ouvrez le fichier son mis à votre disposition.
Vous allez entendre une conversation sur laquelle porte un QCM de 10 questions proposant 3 choix par question, un seul étant correct.
Ecoutez attentivement et entourez rapidement au fil de l’écoute la proposition (a, b ou c) qui vous semble juste. Vous trouverez les solutions ainsi que le script intégral du dialogue à la fin de la fiche.

1. Where are John and Helen ?
   a. In a supermarket
   b. At their father’s birthday party
   c. At their grandparents’ wedding birthday
2. Who is Gordon?
   a. Helen’s brother in law
   b. Lola’s uncle
   c. Grandma’s husband
3. Who is Lola talking to? She’s talking to….
   a. her great-grandmother and her grandfather
   b. her grandmother and her grandfather
   c. her great-grandmother and her father
5. How old is she?
   a. She’s ten
   b. She’s fifty
   c. She’s fifteen

6. Who is she in love with now?
   a. Gordon’s cat
   b. her father’s best friend
   c. her mother’s best friend’s son

7. Where does Helen live?
   a. In London
   b. In Seattle
   c. In Hong Kong

8. Who are “grandpa” and “grandma”?
   a. Lola’s grandparents
   b. Helen and Gordon’s grandparents
   c. Helen and John’s grandparents

9. How old is Grandpa?
   a. He’s 48
   b. He’s 87
   c. He’s 84

10. What about John?
    a. He’s single
    b. He wants to get married
    c. He’s got a lot of children

3. Train and test your Reading Comprehension

Les paragraphes de cet article ne sont pas dans l’ordre logique de la narration. Lisez-les attentivement et rétablissez la chronologie des événements en associant une lettre à un numéro :

Monday, January 19. From our correspondent in Manchester

A Alec first thanked everybody for their presence, then made a short, humorous speech about the good and not so good times in his life. He deeply moved the audience when he mentioned his father, a victim of WW1, and the soldier-friends he lost when landing in Normandy in 1945.

B At 12 p.m., Alec solemnly opened and read the telegramme sent by Queen Elizabeth II wishing him a Happy Birthday, then he invited his family and friends to join him for a drink at the buffet!

C On Saturday morning at 11, an excited crowd gathered in the City Hall with flowers and presents in their hands to celebrate a very special birthday and honour the oldest and most famous citizen in Manchester.
D His dear wife Anna and many other friends of his have died since WW2, of course. But all the members of his large family were present. After Alec’s speech, his son Harry, 72, a grand father to 7 grandsons and 9 granddaughters, read a poem and his twin-daughters Beth and Jane, 78, both great-grandmothers, sang a beautiful song they had written for him! Photographers had a hard time trying to get all the McFarlanes in the same picture!

E Alec McFarlane was born exactly one century ago and lots of people around town know him because he was a very popular teacher for 40 years at Ludlow Primary School.

F At the end of a fantastic buffet-lunch, Alec successfully blew out the hundred candles on his gigantic birthday cake, proving that he was still as fit as a fiddle!
Checking your answers

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   a. her great-grandmother and her grandfather (they are her mother’s grandmother and father)
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Reading Comprehension:

1= C; 2= E; 3= A; 4=D; 5=B; 6= F
Les éléments surlignés en rose sont des indicateurs temporels et ceux surlignés en turquoise permettent de retrouver les liens logiques entre un paragraphe et le suivant.
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