

READING COMPREHENSION: SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

My name's Matthew Calwick but everybody calls me Mattie. I'm twelve years old and I go to Slighton Elementary School. I live in Blackpool in the north-west of England with my mum. Unfortunately, my parents are divorced. I don't often meet my father because he moved to Winchester last year.

My mum's name's Sarah. She's 39 years old and she's a teacher in Blackpool High School. She teaches Music and History. She likes her job a lot so as her students. Students love my mum because she is very patient, sympathetic and cheerful.

She isn't very tall (about 160 cm) and she is slim. She has brown hair and blue eyes. She wears glasses. I think she is beautiful and looks much younger than she is. She likes wearing fashionable clothes. So she is very pretty.

My mum always understands me. I can tell her everything. We spend a lot of time together.

She helps me with my homework or if I have any difficulties. In the evenings we often play board games and cards or just talk.

At the weekends she comes to my matches (I play football) or to my concerts (I play the guitar). She is very proud of me. After matches she invites me and my friends to eat an ice cream, to see a film or we go bowling. She likes my friends a lot.

In her free time she meets her friends – her best friend is my English teacher. They go to the sports centre.

They swim and play table tennis. My mum goes to dance class, too. She learns salsa and does it very well. She loves reading, she has hundreds of books.

This is my mum and that's why I think she's the greatest woman in the world.



Answer the questions.

- 1 What does Mattie's mother do? _____
- 2 When do they play cards? _____
- 3 Where do Mattie and his mother go at the weekends? _____
- 4 What musical instrument does Mattie play? _____
- 5 Who does Sarah go swimming with? _____

Are the statements true (✓), false (✗) or doesn't it say (Ø)?

- 1 Matthew lives in the UK.
- 2 He has a big family.
- 3 Mattie's father is a doctor.
- 4 His mother teaches Music and Art.
- 5 Sarah's hair is brown.
- 6 She has got long hair.
- 7 She doesn't wear glasses.
- 8 Mattie's English teacher doesn't know his mother.
- 9 Sarah likes dancing.
- 10 She cooks well.

Complete the sentences.

- 1 Matthew lives in _____ with his _____.
- 2 _____ is in the north-west of England.
- 3 Matthew's mother usually wears _____ clothes.
- 4 At school she's _____ and sympathetic to her students.
- 5 She helps her son if he has any _____.

Write about your mother.
