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### Siblings



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#### **Georgie**

Hello and welcome to Real Easy English, the podcast where we have real conversations in easy English to help you learn. I'm Georgie.

#### **Neil**

And I'm Neil. And you can watch a video version of this podcast and get a free worksheet at [bbclearningenglish.com](http://bbclearningenglish.com).

#### **Georgie**

Hi, Neil. How are you?

#### **Neil**

Hi, Georgie. Yeah, I'm very good. I'm excited.

#### **Georgie**

Why?

#### **Neil**

I'm going to a birthday party.

#### **Georgie**

Whose birthday party?

#### **Neil**

My sister's.

#### **Georgie**

Your sister. Well, that's funny, because today we are talking about brothers and sisters. Or siblings.

#### **Neil**

Yeah. Do you have any siblings, Georgie?

**Georgie**

I do, I have one sister. She is younger, but she is taller and more mature and more sensible than I am. How about you?

**Neil**

Exactly the same. Yes, I have a younger sister, but she's a bit more grown up than me.

**Georgie**

A better version of you?

**Neil**

Yeah, definitely.

**Georgie**

Are you **similar**? Well, are there any similarities between you and your sister?

**Neil**

Well, I mean, physically we don't look **similar**, but some people say we do. I can't really see it. But I think some aspects of our personality are **similar**. We like some of the same things. It's, you know, it's good when we meet, but we don't meet very often.

**Georgie**

How often?

**Neil**

Every few months.

**Georgie**

Yeah.

**Neil**

Yeah. Because, you know, she lives in a different city and has her family and life's busy.

**Georgie**

Yeah. I'm lucky because my sister lives in London. So we are able to see each other quite regularly.

**Neil**

So, Georgie, are you **close** to your sister?

**Georgie**

Yes. I would say that we are **close**. Growing up, we weren't so **close**. I would say. Although I think she disagrees. But since we went travelling together, we became **closer** because we had this kind of special experience together. We were very far away from home. We had to do lots of difficult things, you know, organising. We were, yeah, together against the world. So we became **close**.

How about you? Are you **close** with your sister?

**Neil**

I think when we're together, we **get on well**. But then we can go a long period of time where we don't really talk, and that's OK.

**Georgie**

That's OK. It's life.

**Neil**

So, you have a sister and you **get on well**. But do you wish that you had more **siblings**?

**Georgie**

Yes. I wish I had a brother. It might sound strange, but I've always wanted to know what a boy in my family would look like. Yeah, it might change the dynamic a little bit, though. What about you?

**Neil**

Yeah, when I was younger, I thought it would be nice to have a brother, an older brother to kind of show you the way.

**Georgie**

Yeah.

**Neil**

Because probably, you know, as the older **sibling**, you're kind of, you get to do everything first, and that's sometimes good and sometimes bad.

**Georgie**

But it's funny because the stereotype of older **siblings** is usually that they are more responsible and sensible because they had, you know, the more rules growing up. And then when the younger **sibling** comes, they have less rules or fewer rules. But I think that my sister is the more serious and better behaved one.

Let's recap the vocabulary we heard in the conversation. We had **siblings**, which means brothers and sisters.

**Neil**

We heard **similar**, which means almost, but not exactly the same.

**Georgie**

We had **get on with**, which means to have a good relationship with someone, for example. I **get on well with** my sister.

**Neil**

We heard the adjective **close**. If two people are **close**, they like each other and they talk to each other often.

**Georgie**

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**Neil**

Join us again next time when we'll talk about what worries us. See you then.

**Georgie**

Goodbye.