

These questions are about Alone Together

14. Look at the two paragraphs about retirement on page 7. (1)

Write the statement which best describes the main idea of the paragraphs.

- Some people go travelling after they retire.
- Retirement can be good and bad.
- Elderly people can become lonely.
- Family members should do more to help elderly people.

15. *The dedicated duo...*

What does the word *dedicated* suggest about John and Olga? (1)

16. How did Olga and John know that the elderly gentleman was lonely? (1)

17. *...he had health problems and found walking strenuous.*

What does the word *strenuous* mean?

dull

unnerving

impossible

tiring

18. a) How do you think the elderly gentleman's story made Olga and John feel? (1)

b) **Find** and **copy** a sentence or phrase from the text which supports your answer. (1)

19. Why do you think the campaign is called *Alone Together*? (1)

20. Write down one way Olga helps the campaign and one way John helps the campaign.

Olga:

John: (2)

21. Why do you think the text starts by explaining the inspiration for the campaign and then describes how it was set up? (1)

22. How did John and Olga contact the town's senior citizens? Tick **one**. (1)

through carers

by using flyers

via email

by making phone calls

23. Look at what William says about the 'Alone Together' campaign on page 9.

How does this make the reader feel about the campaign? (2)

24. Read each sentence and tick one box to show whether it is a fact or an opinion. (1)

	Fact	Opinion
Retirement is something to look forward to.		
The café runs activity sessions four times a week.		
Loneliness is easier to handle if you talk about it.		
Francis used to work as a lawyer.		

25. Look at the paragraph that begins *John and Olga's efforts...*

How can you tell from this paragraph that the author, Sarah Baxtor, wants the reader to vote for John and Olga in the 'County Heroes' competition? (1)

26. How do you think John and Olga will spend the prize money if they win the 'County Heroes' competition?

Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (2)