

JN	Right - why do we think that?
Fi	Because it says that well because if they're quite young, when their parents and if their parents aren't really there, like if they're like orphans or something or something like that
JN	So is there anything that might make you think that they are orphans? ...anything that might make you think that they're orphans? We'll open that out to everybody else as well. Go on Zara, thank you Fiorella.
Z	Well it says 'as small as a world, as large as alone', 'alone' .. well, they couldn't possibly be sisters, because if .. sisters are normally, quite like, together and [inaudible] so 'alone', I can infer she's quite lonely. So, erm, I don't think that they can be sisters and I think that she could possibly be an orphan, because erm, if you had parents , and parents are supposed to be like love for you and care for you but erm she seems to feel quite lonely, so..
JN	..Right.. could you have parents and still feel alone, though?
Z	Yeah ..if they don't care for you..properly..
JN	...ok..Can we hear from this group? Thank you Aoife, thank you Zara
Ao	I think that Maggie's the oldest, and then it's Mae, then Millie, then Molly
JN	Right - why do we think that?
Ao	Because erm Maggie, like, she has troubles and [inaudible] and when you're older, you have more worries, like GCSEs or something
JN	Right - thank you - go on then this group. Georgia?
GF	Well so I was thinking about what Fiorella said, and ... like, well they could be like best friends and you could have like the mom of the group and like different personalities?
JN	Right - so why might they be more best friends rather than sisters?.. any ideas? ... No - Timothy?
TM7	I was gonna say that they all, they, they're not the same age, because of the description and the reason why I say it's because of the description is because, like, all the stuff that they found, like, how they found the starfish - and one of them found the rock - it's all because they want to get through life, they want to get through reality ... because they need that support, and like how it says 'large as alone' , loneliness affects lots of people and like they want that support to help them through life.
JN	Right .. thank you. Gabriel.
GM7	I think right that the sea for like Mandy and for like May is like a very special place, cos at the end it says ...'for you and for me', 'it's always ourselves that we find at the sea', so it's like Maggie finding her true self, kind of thing, when they go there, and ..yeah
JN	Thank you. I just want to move on to the next section, because we are getting there Next we're going to discuss in your groups - what does what each girls find tell us about their personality