

## When Posh met Poor

based on an article by Clare Campbell

- 1 ALICE, 15, lives with her mother, father, sister and little brother in a six-bedroom house in south London. She says: “I know that my family is well-off. I go to a private school and we live in a large house in a desirable part of London. As a result of my upbringing, I’ve had a 8 view of life; I was living in a bubble and believed money made you better than other people.



- 2 Although I’d never met anyone from the council estate<sup>1)</sup>, I imagined they would all be wearing cheap tracksuits, scraped-back hair and big earrings. I thought Natalie would be the same. 9, when I first saw her, I noticed she was much better-dressed than I’d expected. I really loved her outfit. We liked one another straight away. She was funny and friendly and we were surprised and pleased that I spoke the same slang as her. We talked about everything. Natalie’s attitude to boyfriends is very 10. She hates the idea of being tied down. She is used to making her own decisions while I prefer being in a relationship to being on my own. Also, Natalie and her mum have a really good relationship – they’re more like sisters. And I was surprised at how cosy and welcoming their flat was. I thought it would be much smaller and pokier.
- 3 Meeting Natalie has changed me a lot. I feel really guilty about what I was like before, and I no longer think public school kids are better than everyone else. Natalie and I now chat online several times a week. I feel so much respect for what she and her mother have been through and how they’ve tried to help themselves. Natalie’s really bright and I know she’ll make something of herself, and we got on so well I’m sure we’ll stay friends.”
- 4 NATALIE, 17, lives with her 38-year-old mother, Vicky, and five-year-old brother, Gabriel, in a two-bedroom council flat on a south London estate. She says: “I’ve lived on this estate all my life. My dad died when I was six. All I can remember about him was that he was always loving and affectionate. Mum can’t work because she suffers from depression, so I take care of my brother, Gaby, who has a speech problem.

5 We live on benefits of £165 a week, which is sometimes not enough, so my mum has to borrow money. I dropped out of school when I was 15, mainly because I had to take care of my mum and brother. I feel I've been through more in my life than the average 40-year-old woman. Sometimes I feel resentful for the way my life is. It shouldn't be my task to get Gaby to school, but there's no one else to do it.



- 6 Still, recently I've gone back to college. I've always been ambitious and I made up my mind that I wasn't going to grow up to be another single mother living on benefits all my life. I knew Alice's life would be very different to mine, that she might not understand. I didn't want her judging, or feeling sorry for me, however. We may be poor, but we're not tramps.
- 7 I really liked the skirt Alice was wearing when I saw her the first time. She smiled, and I knew we'd be okay. Her house was really beautiful and her family made me feel welcome too. I didn't feel as out of place as I thought I would. But it also seemed to me that Alice was not as close to her mum as I am to mine. If that's what having more money does to a family, I don't want it.
- 8 Alice and I are constantly in touch with one another, but I'm so busy with college, as well as trying to get a part-time job, that we haven't managed to meet up again recently. Still, I know we'll stay friends. Alice is an okay girl."

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noot 1 council estate = een wijk met goedkope huurwoningen

## Tekst 6

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- 1p 8 Kies bij 8 in alinea 1 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A quite realistic
  - B rather balanced
  - C really complicated
  - D very one-sided
- 1p 9 Kies bij 9 in alinea 2 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A However
  - B Likewise
  - C Moreover
  - D Therefore
- 1p 10 Kies bij 10 in alinea 2 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A independent
  - B romantic
  - C traditional
- 1p 11 "... I know she'll make something of herself," (alinea 3)  
In welke alinea zegt Natalie zelf iets over haar toekomst?
- A alinea 4
  - B alinea 5
  - C alinea 6
  - D alinea 7
- 1p 12 What becomes clear about Natalie in paragraphs 4 and 5?
- A She dislikes having to spend a lot of time with her brother.
  - B She feels it is her responsibility to look after her family.
  - C She hated having to go to school when she was younger.
- 2p 13 Geef voor elk van de volgende beweringen aan of ze wel of niet als overeenkomst tussen Alice en Natalie in de tekst genoemd worden.  
*Omcirkel achter elk nummer 'wel' of 'niet' in de uitwerkbijlage.*
- 1 Ze gebruiken dezelfde straatnaam.
  - 2 Ze zijn bevriend met dezelfde mensen.
  - 3 Ze vinden dezelfde kleren leuk.
  - 4 Ze hebben een vergelijkbare band met hun moeder.

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