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When Julie Jones and Caroline Atkin were schoolgirls, they promised to be best friends for ever. Years later, Caroline died from a brain tumor at the age of 45, leaving five children. In her last weeks, she asked Julie to raise the children as her own. Julie, a single mother of three with a small income, didn't hesitate.

"I held her in my arms and said 'You'll be OK', but I knew I was losing her." She says.

"The hospital rang me and I rushed there, but Caroline had just gone," she says. "I went to her house. The children arrived home from school in a taxi and I gathered them in my arms and said: 'Mommy has gone to Heaven.'"

"Michael, who was 11, left the room. Kieran, ten, sat in great surprise; James, nine, broke down; while Emma, seven, and Chantelle, five uneasy. I brought them home."

Julie, mother of Adam, 20, Peter, 19, and 14-year-old Christian, moved the table from her dining room to turn it into an extra bedroom for the girls.

She says "I put a tent up in the garden, and the children took turns to camp outside. We turned into a game. The children were terribly hurt by losing both their parents. But now, despite our lack of space and money, we have become one happy family." The table in the kitchen is so small that Julie had to cook Christmas dinner in two sittings. Her eldest son has left for university and his bedroom is used by the younger boys.

Julie had to work 50 hours a week and runs the home on her salary.

"The children aren't quiet anymore. The house is filled with screams and shouts and laughter," she says. "They say 'Julie, you make us so happy,' but the truth is that they're the ones who make me happy. I'm not extraordinary. I'm just a mum."

21. What can we know about Julie from the text?

- A. She had lived a rich life before the adoption.
- B. She promised to adopt Caroline's children as a schoolgirl.
- C. She blamed Caroline's husband for taking no responsibility.
- D. She had to work very hard to support the large family.

22. Which one is NOT what Julie did to support the large family?

- A. Using the dining room as a bedroom.
- B. Putting a tent up in the garden.
- C. Persuading her eldest son to leave for university.