

## MY SISTER

She is a girl. She stands about 5'4". She has black hair. It is naturally curly. It is cut short because it's easier to take care of. She has brown eyes. She doesn't wear any makeup. She's fairly pretty. She has pierced ears. She is 18 years old. She wears jeans and pullover tops to school. She smokes cigarettes. She wears furry socks and Reeboks; she's very picky about things everyone else does. She is very sensitive but tries to hide it by acting tough, but she can't hide it. The only thing she has for breakfast is a glass of milk. When she is done with her gum, she just rolls it up in a ball and puts it on the coffee table. Most of the time she gets in late. She is in the twelfth grade and is too lazy to get a job, and she admits it. Her report card is no big deal at all. Her hobbies are collecting giraffes and assorted stuffed animals.

### Possible Controlling Statements

#### 1. Time Order (Chronological Narration)

Let me tell you about a typical day in the life of my sister.

#### 2. Spatial Order (Description)

From the top of her head to the bottom of her feet, my sister is one of a kind.

#### 3. Persuasion (Inductive or deductive order depending on placement of controlling statement)

You should ask my sister for a date.

#### 4. Break-Down Order

My sister is a lazy, hypocritical slob.

#### 5. Relationship Order (Comparison/Contrast)

My sister can't decide if she's a little girl or a grown-up woman.