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Marvin and the Waiter

Marvin has booked a table for himself and his sister. Read the dialogue with the waiter and answer the questions.

Waiter	Good evening. Do you have a reservation?
Marvin	Yes, for two. The name is Marvin.
Waiter	Marvin... I have a Martin at eight o'clock.
Marvin	That is probably me. People always write it wrong.
Waiter	No problem, Martin. Sorry, Marvin. This way, please.
Marvin	Thank you. Could we have a table by the window?
Waiter	Of course. Here is the menu. Can I bring you something to drink while you wait?
Marvin	A glass of water, please. And a tea for my sister. She is parking the car.
Waiter	Still or sparkling?
Marvin	Still. The sparkling one makes me talk too much.
Waiter	Then still water it is. Are you ready to order, or would you like a few minutes?
Marvin	A few minutes. What is the soup of the day?
Waiter	Pumpkin with ginger. It is a little spicy.
Marvin	Perfect. And is the fish fresh?
Waiter	It arrived this morning. The chef is very proud of it.
Marvin	Then one soup and one fish, please. My sister will have the same.

Waiter	Are you sure? She is not here yet.
Marvin	She always orders what I order. Then she says it was her idea.
Waiter	My brother does exactly the same.
Marvin	Oh, and one more thing. Is there a cake today?
Waiter	Chocolate cake, lemon cake and apple pie.
Marvin	Then two pieces of chocolate cake. Not for my sister. Both for me.
Waiter	Of course, sir. I will say nothing.

Questions

1 **Why does the waiter first say the name Martin?**

- ☐ a) The name in the reservation is written wrong
- ☐ b) Marvin is at the wrong restaurant
- ☐ c) Marvin booked a table for eight people

2 **Why does Marvin order still water?**

- ☐ a) Sparkling water makes him talk too much
- ☐ b) The restaurant has no sparkling water
- ☐ c) His sister does not like sparkling water

3 **What is the soup of the day?**

- ☐ a) Pumpkin with ginger
- ☐ b) Tomato with rice
- ☐ c) Fish soup

4 **Why does Marvin order for his sister before she arrives?**

- ☐ a) She always orders the same as he does
- ☐ b) She sent him her order by message
- ☐ c) The kitchen closes very soon

5 **Who are the two pieces of chocolate cake for?**

- ☐ a) Both are for Marvin
- ☐ b) One for Marvin and one for his sister
- ☐ c) Both are for his sister