



Family

Common questions

Part 1 - How many people are there in your immediate family?

Part 1 - How much time do you spend with your family?

Part 1 - How often do you have family get-togethers?

Part 2 - Describe a family member who you get on well with.

Part 3 - Is family important in your country?

Part 3 - Is it better to grow up in a small family or a large extended family?

Vocabulary and expressions

Immediate family (n) - your closest relations, such as your parents, children, husband, or wife

I have three people in my immediate family: a sister, mother, and father.

Extended family (n) - a family unit that includes grandmothers, aunts, and uncles, etc.

I love to have big get-togethers with my extended family.

Sibling rivalry (n) - competition and arguments among brothers and sisters.

My sister and I had a serious sibling rivalry when we were young.

Close-knit (adj) - involving groups of people in which everyone supports each other.

I would say we are a close-knit family.

Spitting image (n) - to look extremely similar to someone.

I am the spitting image of my father.

Dysfunctional (adj) - not behaving or working normally.

There are plenty of dysfunctional families nowadays.

Ancestor (n) - a person related to you who lived a long time ago.

I don't know much about my ancestors.

Upbringing (n) - the way in which someone is treated and trained as a child.

I had a very stable upbringing.

Breadwinner (n) - the member of a family who earns the money that the family needs.

My father was the breadwinner of our family.

Take after (pv) - to be similar to an older member of your family in appearance or character.

My sister takes after my mother in so many ways.