

Family ties

Spotlight 11 Module 1

Compare and contrast the pictures:

- 1) What do they have in common?
- 2) How different are they?




Use: They (are quite similar because they) both/ all show/have/are...
There arein both/all of them.
There are some differences. One.....but the other

The one on the left is/shows/hasbut the one on the right
The left photo while the right one.....

Family Idioms

- **It runs in the family** - an ability or talent that is passed on through the generations (*My brothers and I have red hair. It runs in the family.*)
- **your own flesh and blood** - a member of your family, do not forget it!
- **blood is thicker than water** - family ties are stronger than any others, despite arguments
- **bad blood** - hostility or unfriendliness between two families or family members
- **black sheep of the family** - the worst member of the family

1  Close your eyes and listen to the music. Think of your family at home on a cold, snowy, winter Sunday evening. What can you see, hear, smell? How does it make you feel?

study skills

Reading for specific information

Underline the key words in the questions. Read the text(s) and find phrases which match the underlined key words. The information may be paraphrased. This helps us do the task.


Reading

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Read the text on pp. 10-11. Which person/people ...

- 1 explains that their behaviour can affect their family's reputation?
- 2 say that people have high regard for the older generation in their countries?
- 3 doesn't have any siblings?
- 4 won't choose their own husband/wife?
- 5 don't live with both parents?
- 6 wishes they could see a member of their family more?

- 3**  Listen and read the text again. Match the words in bold in the text to their meaning.
idea, seniors, customs, boring, walk, help, scheme, become less, mother's, is the most important thing, continue to be, ranking, comply with, no brother or sisters, good reputation

Vocabulary

- 4** **a** Write the male/female equivalent.
- 1 stepfather, 2 brother-in-law,
3 nephew, 4 half-sister,
5 mother-in-law, 6 grandson,
7 great-grandfather, 8 ex-husband,
9 widow, 10 twin sister
- b** Write five family names on a piece of paper. Swap papers. Find out how your partner is related to each person.
- *Who's Peter? He's my grandfather. He died before I was born.*

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Complete the sentences with the words in brackets. Check in the Word List.

- 1 Weren't the vows beautiful at Anna and Nick's? (**wedding/marriage**)
- 2 There are just four people in my family, but more than twenty in my family. (**extended/immediate**)
- 3 My grandmother lives in a little cottage. (**old/elderly**)
- 4 My who came to the family celebration spanned three! (**generations/reasons**)
- 5 Some of ours recently gave us a photo album full of pictures of our (**ancestors/relatives**)
- 6 A family consists of father, mother and children whereas a family consists of one parent and children (**single parent, nuclear**)

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Fill in: *engaged, married, divorced, separated, single, get, widow, foster, stepmother, in-laws.*

- 1 My sister is to be to a wonderful man.
- 2 When she from her husband, she moved to her parents' house.
- 3 It's difficult to be a parent.
- 4 Her parents didn't on well so they decided to get
- 5 Mrs Hams' husband died four years ago and she hasn't married again. She's a
- 6 When his parents were both killed in a car accident, he was placed with parents.
- 7 These are my husband's parents. They're my
- 8 When her mother died, her father got married to another woman. Her looked after her well.

Speaking

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Answer the questions. Use your answers to tell your partner about your family.

- Who's in your immediate/extended family?
- How do you get on with your family members?
- What family cultural traditions are there in your country?
- What is important in your family?
- What does family mean to you?

Writing

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Use your answers in Ex. 7 to write a short text about your family for the “Teens” magazine.
(60-80 words)