



Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!

FAMILY LIFE



1 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING: family

Look at some photos showing family members. What's happening in each one? What do you think the relationship is between the people?



b Explain the difference between each pair.

- 1 a father and a parent
- 2 a mother and a stepmother
- 3 a brother and a brother-in-law
- 4 a grandfather and a great-grandfather
- 5 a nephew and a niece
- 6 a child and an only child
- 7 your immediate family and your extended family

c The BBC recently did a survey of 21st-century families in the UK. Read ***Changing-for the better?*** and try to guess what the missing percentages are. Choose from the list.

17% 26% 60% 75% 85%

Changing- for the better?

Family life is changing in the UK - but not in the way we might think. When the BBC did a survey of families in Britain, they expected to find that family relationships were suffering because of the decline in traditional family structures. However, some of the results were quite surprising ...

58%
of men

and

39%
of women

aged 20-24 still live at home with their parents.

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think that it is right for parents to charge rent to children over 25 who have a job and are living at home.

30%

use the internet at least once a week to contact their families.

On average, adults live

130

kilometres from their parents.

95%
of people

say that they have a close family.

2
of people

have a meal with their immediate family every day.

3

say that their families never argue.

4

have family members who they don't speak to any more.

5

think that families should look after grandparents.

75%

of people are happiest with their families.

17%

are happiest with friends.

d Listen and check. Do any of the statistics surprise you? Which ones do you think would be very different if the survey was carried out in your country?

1.15

e Say what you think and give reasons.

Useful language: Giving your opinion (2)

We often use **should + verb** to say what we think is the right thing or a good thing (to do), e.g.

I think families **should have** dinner together every day because...

I don't think parents **should be** friends with their children on Facebook because ...



Do you think that ... ?

- families should have a meal together every day
- children should leave home as soon as they can afford to
- parents should charge their children rent if they live at home and have a job
- parents should be 'friends' with their children on social networking sites, e.g. Facebook
- elderly parents should live with their children when they are too old to live alone



2 GRAMMAR: future forms

a Listen to three dialogues between different family members. Who is talking to who (e.g. brother to sister)? What are they talking about? 1.16

b Listen again and match two sentences with each dialogue (1- 3).

- A Shall I make you a cup of tea?
- B You'll drive too fast.
- C I'm not going to go to university yet.
- D I'm staying the night there.
- E I'll drive really slowly.
- F It's going to be cold tonight.

c Decide which sentence (A-F) is ...

- a plan or intention
- an arrangement
- a prediction
- a promise
- an offer