

- 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?

**F**amily 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.

**1** \_\_\_\_\_

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.

ANSWERS

- 1 (15))) 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?

## 2 GRAMMAR future forms

- a **16** Listen to three dialogues between different family members. Who is talking to who (e.g. brother to sister)? What are they talking about?
- b Listen again and match two sentences with each dialogue (1–3).
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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| A <input type="checkbox"/> Shall I make you a cup of tea?         | D <input type="checkbox"/> I'm staying the night there.   |
| B <input type="checkbox"/> You'll drive too fast.                 | E <input type="checkbox"/> I'll drive really slowly.      |
| C <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not going to go to university yet. | F <input type="checkbox"/> It's going to be cold tonight. |
- c With a partner, decide which sentence (A–F) is...
- |                                              |                                       |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a plan or intention | <input type="checkbox"/> a prediction | <input type="checkbox"/> an offer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> an arrangement      | <input type="checkbox"/> a promise    |                                   |