

Family

Read the short article about American and British families. Choose the best phrase from A-K to fill in gaps 1-10, to complete the text. There is one phrase that you won't use.

When British and American people use the word *family* 1 _____ the mother, the father and their children. In general social context, "the family" is usually 2 _____ mean this nuclear family.

Society in Britain and the USA 3 _____ a nuclear family living in the same house and 4 _____ each other's lives. Fifty years ago, the typical family was a husband and a wife, and two or three children. The father spent all day at work and 5 _____ decisions about how the money he earned was spent. The mother stayed at home to manage the house and look after the children. Children were 6 _____ their parents.

Many modern families live rather differently, and because of this some people think that the family unit is dying and society 7 _____. Many couples still get married, but others live together without 8 _____. A few years ago, couples living together usually got married when 9 _____ a family, but this happens less now. Another trend is 10 _____ married later in life and to have fewer children, so the size of the average family is shrinking.

- A. taken to
- B. closely involved in
- C. getting married
- D. they often mean
- E. is being weakened
- F. for people to get
- G. made most of the
- H. which normally consists of
- I. they wanted to start
- J. expected to obey