

1 Family Ties

Vocabulary

A Match the definitions with the members of the family.

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| 1 Your mum's mother. | a aunt |
| 2 Your brother's or sister's daughter. | b niece |
| 3 Your uncle's and aunt's children. | c step-mother |
| 4 Your brother or sister's son. | d grandmother |
| 5 Your mother's sister. | e nephew |
| 6 Your father's wife if he marries again. | f cousins |

B Complete the sentences using two of the words in each group.

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| 1 height slim tall
Peter has always been very _____; he was 1.98m when he was 14 years-old! He's also quite _____ even though he eats a lot. | 5 hard-working jealous generous
My aunt is a very _____ person. She gives money to people in need. She's also very _____ and spends lots of time helping at the care centre. |
| 2 weigh overweight build
Annabel and Claire have got the same _____. They aren't very tall and they're both a bit _____. | 6 relax honest nervous
My cousin Jack is very _____. He needs to do more exercise to help him _____. |
| 3 beard blonde straight
I love your son's curly _____ hair. Mine is very _____ and dark. | 7 unkind easy-going scruffy
Granddad is very _____ and fun-loving, and he always dresses in _____ clothes. |
| 4 elderly middle-aged young
Sunday was boring! We spent it with our _____ grandparents and our _____ parents. | 8 lazy clever reliable
Jack isn't very _____. If you ask him to do something he forgets. He's very _____ though and does very well at school. |

C Complete the text with these words.

young kind easy-going height elderly hard-working nervous weigh

Elephants: animals of higher intelligence

Elephants are interesting animals because they are very sociable and family is important to them. They can grow to a (1) _____ of over 3 metres and usually (2) _____ about 3,800 kilos. Normally they are quite relaxed and (3) _____ animals, but sometimes they can get (4) _____ when they are looking after (5) _____ elephants. They are also quite clever and (6) _____, and slow down and help feed (7) _____ or ill members of the family group. These qualities and the fact that they are so strong and (8) _____ is why people want to protect them and the land they live on for the future.



African elephant mother and baby

Ideas Focus

- Is family important to you? Why / Why not?
- Do you think young people can learn things from elderly members of their family? Why? / Why not?