

# HOMEWORK

INTERMEDIATE - 1C

## 1 VOCABULARY family

Complete the sentences with a family word.

- 1 Your mother's brother is your uncle.
- 2 Your grandmother's mother is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Your uncle's son is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 A girl who has the same mother as you but a different father is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Your husband's (or wife's) brother is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Two people who are together are a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Your husband's (or wife's) mother is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Your grandfather's grandfather is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Your mother's new husband is your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 A child who doesn't have any brothers or sisters is an \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Reading:

a In a family with two children, do you think it's better to be the older or the younger brother or sister? Why?

b You're going to read an article about two sisters, Wendy (the younger sister) and Carnie (the older sister). Before you read, predict the answers to the questions below. Write W (Wendy) or C (Carnie).

### Who do you think...?

- 1 had a more eccentric hairstyle
- 2 admired her sister
- 3 didn't want to be with her sister
- 4 followed her sister everywhere
- 5 tried to compete with her sister
- 6 wasn't a good student
- 7 told her parents when her sister did something wrong
- 8 used to hurt her sister physically
- 9 was jealous of her sister
- 10 always defended the other sister

c Now read the article and check your answers.

## We are family...

Two sisters tell the truth about themselves - and each other...



Wendy Wilson and her older sister Carnie are the daughters of the Beach Boy founder, Brian Wilson. They formed the band Wilson Philips (with the daughter of Michelle Phillips of The Mamas and Papas) and their first album was a worldwide hit. Today they are both married and live in Los Angeles. Here they talk about their relationship.

**Wendy, the younger sister says:**



I always thought Carnie was really **cool**. Especially when she was a teenage and had bright red spiky hair. But, like most older sisters, she wasn't at all interested in her younger sister. I desperately wanted to be with her and her friends, and sometimes I used to follow them, but she hated that.

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When we were **kids** we both had a lot of material things like toys and **clothes**, but even then we knew that Mom and Dad weren't happy. We used to talk about it all the time, and after a while they separated and we stayed with my Mom. We

didn't see Dad for quite a few years, which really hurt us. But it's also the thing that brought me and Carnie closer together. When I was 16 or 17 the one and a half year **age gap** between us didn't matter any more, and we started to get on with each other and to write songs together.

Being in a band - or working at anything - with a member of your family can be difficult, but it also has advantages. If we have a big argument about a song, after a while we remember that we are sisters and we **make it up**. Nothing is going to stop us from being sisters.

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**Carnie, the older sister says:**



I sometimes think that poor Wendy has spent all her life Carnie, the competing with me. She was a very quiet, shy child, while I was incredibly talkative and demanding - I was awful! I wasn't interested in studying, all I wanted to do was go to parties, and Wendy used to tell my parents. So I was horrible to her - I used to **pinch** her and bite her.

**5**

I was very jealous of Wendy also because she was more attractive than me. But she always defended me when other people **criticized** me, and sometimes it seemed as if she was the older sister

and I was the younger one. Although we were complete opposites, **we were also** very close and had a lot of fun together. We still do.

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I think I suffered a lot because of my father leaving us when we were small, but Wendy helped me to understand that Dad loved us too, but in a different way. She also taught me that you can't **blame** other people for your problems. You have to look at yourself.

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**d** Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases. In pairs, choose the right meaning, a or b.

- 1 a **boring**  
b **fashionable**
- 2 a **children**  
b **adults**
- 3 a **age difference**  
b **the time they weren't together**
- 4 a **become friends again**  
b **stop speaking**
- 5 a **kiss**  
b **hurt with your fingers**
- 6 a **say bad things about**  
b **say good things about**
- 7 a **we got on very well**  
b **we got on very badly**
- 8 a **ask for help**  
b **say that somebody is responsible for something bad**

**e** Do you think their relationship is typical of brothers and sisters?

### 3. Reading:

#### Like father, like son

Continuing our regular feature of fathers and this week we talk to artist Chris Dennis and his son, Kirk. Last weekend Chris taught Kirk to draw, and Kirk taught his father to windsurf.

**Chris.** We're a very close family. There are a lot of similarities between me and Kirk and we both like being outside. He's much more active than me, of course - but he's 20 and I'm 52, so that's not surprising! I spend a lot of time walking on the cliffs by the sea and sometimes I do 100 drawings in a day. In the holidays, Kirk is usually in the sea windsurfing, and he can spend all day doing that.



a Read the article and mark the sentences T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Chris often spends all day in the sea.
- 2 Chris and Kirk don't get on very well.
- 3 They both spend a lot of time by the seaside.
- 4 This was the first time that Chris had ever been windsurfing.
- 5 Chris is going to carry on windsurfing.
- 6 Kirk often sees his parents.
- 7 Kirk got better at drawing during the day.
- 8 Kirk wants to repeat the experience.

b Look at the highlighted words. What do you think they mean? Check with your dictionary.

I've never been windsurfing, but I thought it would be good to try it. On the day Kirk took me out, it was fairly warm but the sea was quite rough - not great conditions for a beginner! We went to a beach near Land's End in Cornwall. I borrowed an old wetsuit which was a bit small and tight. Kirk swam in the sea next to me and showed me how to balance on the board, and how to keep the sail vertical. It was exhausting!

I really enjoyed the experience, but I won't take up windsurfing - my time is too precious for another big hobby. But I was surprised at how much I liked it. But the best thing about the weekend was sharing time together with my son

**Kirk.** Dad and I are really close. We get on like friends as well as father and son. But because I'm away at university and I only see Mum and Dad every two or three months, we don't have much chance to do things together

My Dad spends most of his free time drawing. He goes on long walks and always takes a sketchbook with him. I thought it would be interesting to see if I had any of his talent!

On the day we went out we walked along the cliffs above a beach. We each had a sketchbook and we were drawing as we went along. I hadn't done any drawing since I was at primary school, so it was difficult to start with. Dad was giving me advice all the time, and I did lots of drawings but I couldn't see any improvement by the end! My Mum said she liked them, but I think she was just being kind.

I'll definitely go for a walk with Dad again, but I don't think I'll take any drawing stuff - I'm never going to be an artist!

## 4. Speaking:

Record an audio and submit it to your HW Drive link:

1. How many people are there in your family? Tell me about someone in your family.
2. Who is the oldest person in your family? Tell me about him / her.
3. What is the best age to get married? Why?
4. How many cousins do you have? Where do they live?
5. Which is better: being married or being single? Why?

## 5. Writing:

Write a paragraph, answer the questions below:

6. Describe some fun family activities that family members can do together.
7. What advice can you give to couples who are planning to have their first children?
8. Will you live with your parents after you get married? Why? / Why not?
9. Do you enjoy going to weddings? Why? / Why not?
10. Describe what someone in your family looks like.