

Look at the photo of the Radford family. What is the relationship between the people, do you think?



Read the text and answer the questions:

- What is Noel's job?
- How many people live in the Radford family home?

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE RADFORD FAMILY!

Sue and Noel Radford live in a very big house in Morecambe in the north of England. The house is big because they've got nineteen children! Their oldest child is 28, and the youngest is just a baby.

The day starts at 4 a.m. when Noel, a baker, goes to work. Two hours later, he comes home and he wakes up the children. Sue prepares breakfast and makes twelve packed lunches! After breakfast, Noel takes the children to school – in a minibus! Noel goes back to the bakery with his eldest daughter, Sophie. She works there too. Then Sue starts on the housework. She loads the dishwasher, cleans the house and does the washing (nine times a day!). After lunch she goes to the supermarket and she does the ironing. When Noel gets home at 5 p.m., he cooks dinner and the children set the table. After dinner, Sue helps the children with their homework. The day ends at 10 p.m. when all the children go to bed.

Would you like to have a very large family?

Why? Why not?

Noel

Sue

goes to work wakes up the kids prepares breakfast
makes lunch takes children to school does housework
loads the dishwasher cleans the house does the washing
goes to the supermarket does the ironing cooks dinner
helps kids with their homework

clean the house	
cook breakfast/lunch/dinner	
do the ironing	
do the washing	
load/unload the dishwasher	
go to the supermarket	
set the table	
tidy the bedroom/ the living room	
wash the dishes	

Listening Strategy 1

In English, you cannot always predict how a word sounds by looking at the spelling. Learning how words are pronounced will allow you to understand them when you hear them.

Listen. Which **red** vowels sound in each group of words is different?

Listen and check.

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|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 a sch oo l | b too | c loo k | d coo l |
| 2 a gr a ndson | b cl a ss | c f a ther | d gr a ndma |
| 3 a w i fe | b Ch i na | c I taly | d li ke |
| 4 a g o | b s o n | c ph o to | d hel o |
| 5 a ea t | b m ea t | c s ea t | d gr ea t |
| 6 a u niversity | b u ncle | c m u m | d H u ngary |

Listening Strategy 2

Some words sound similar but have very different meanings. Being able to detect the small difference in pronunciation will help you to understand them when you hear them. Use the context to help you too.

- be / bee
- buy / by / bye
- hear / here
- hour / our
- its / it's
- know / no
- meet / meat
- to / too / two

Listen and repeat the words. Which word in each pair do you hear first?

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|----|-------|-------|
| 1. | men | man |
| 2. | cap | cup |
| 3. | far | for |
| 4. | wet | wait |
| 5. | live | leave |
| 6. | match | March |

Listen. Which word does each sentence include?

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Listen to Ryan and Joanna talking about housework. Are the sentences True or False?

- 1 Ryan thinks that his bedroom is tidy. ____
- 2 Joanna tidies her bedroom. ____
- 3 Ryan hasn't got time to tidy his bedroom every day. ____
- 4 Joanna's family shares the housework. ____
- 5 Joanna and Ryan like housework more than homework. ____
- 6 Joanna has got exams at the moment. ____

Complete the sentences about you with the correct form of the verbs below.

go help like live study visit watch work

1 I often _____.

2 On Saturdays, my friends and I _____.

3 In the evenings, my parents _____.

4 At school, I _____.

5 My best friend _____.

6 Every morning, I _____.

7 On Sundays, my family _____.

8 Our teacher _____.