

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1- Read the texts. Complete the definitions with these PREFIXES:

GREAT- (X2) HALF- STEP

My **great**-grandmother, Julia, is ninety and she's my **grandmother's** mother. Julia was adopted.

I've got a little **half**-brother. He's my father's son from his second marriage.

I really like my **step**sister. Some people say we are similar, although we aren't really related by blood.

- 1 The prefix _____ describes a family relative who is two generations away from you. Add an extra _____ for each extra generation.
- 2 The prefix _____ describes a brother, sister or parent who is related to you by marriage but not by blood.
- 3 The prefix _____ describes a brother or sister who is related to you through one shared parent.

2- Choose the right answer. Write the letter you choose:

- 1 Who shares one parent with you, but not two parents?
a your stepson **b** your half-brother
- 2 Who is your mother's mother?
a your great-grandmother b your grandmother
- 3 If your mother marries again, who is the man?
a your grandfather b your stepfather
- 4 Who is your father's grandfather?
a your great-grandfather b your great-great-grandfather
- 5 If your father marries again and his new wife already has two daughters, who are they?
a your half-sisters b your stepsisters

3- Read the comments and write the FAMILY WORDS:

1 Tom's the same age as me and I really like him. His mum's married to my dad now, but I'm only related to him by marriage, not by blood. He's my stepbrother.

2 Elsie is my dad's mother, so she's my _____. She's nearly seventy, but she still does a lot of sport!

3 Lucy's the youngest in my family and she's my _____. We have the same mum, but we have different dads.

4 My mum died when I was quite young. My dad's got a new wife now, called Sara. I really like her, and I call her Mum, even though she isn't my real mother. She's my _____.

5 The oldest person in my family is Albert. He's eighty-nine and he's my mum's grandfather, so he's my _____.

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4- Choose the correct option. Write the option you choose:

Should friends have a lot in common?



JESSICA: Yes! My friend Sarah and I ¹share/get loads of interests. We both like horse-riding and cinema.

We ²have/get the same sense of humour, too.

We ³share/spend a lot of time together and we're like sisters. My singing can ⁴share/get on her nerves sometimes, but we never ⁵see/have arguments.



MARK: I disagree. I'm completely different from my friend Mike, but we ⁶enjoy/see each other's company.

When I ⁷enjoy/get to know people, I find them more interesting if they ⁸come/have from different backgrounds. Mike loves to ⁹spend/see time on his own, so we don't ¹⁰have/see each other often, but when we meet, we have fun.

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5- Complete the sentences with the words in the list. There are two extra words:

backgrounds get enjoy
have nerves own see
sense share spend

- 1 I'm quite a shy person - it takes me a while to get to know people.
- 2 I love being with other people and I hate spending time on my _____.
- 3 Flossie and I get on well and we _____ each other's company.
- 4 Jo and Beth come from similar _____, so they have a lot in common.
- 5 It really gets on my _____ when my sister borrows my clothes without asking!
- 6 My friends and I usually _____ each other at the weekend.
- 7 I think it's important for friends to have the same _____ of humour.
- 8 My brothers and I _____ a lot of time together, especially in the school holidays.

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6- Complete the gaps with only ONE WORD.

Your problems – Emma's here to help!

My mum and dad got divorced two years ago and my dad has just remarried. I really don't ¹get on with his wife, my new ²_____. She's also got two daughters already, so I've now got two ³_____. I know I should be happy for my dad, but this woman really gets ⁴_____ my nerves and I don't ⁵_____ any interests with her kids! I just stay in my bedroom all the time now because I don't know how to ⁶_____ with this situation. Help!

Emma says: It can be difficult when a parent remarries, especially when there are also new children to add to your family. It will take time for you to ⁷_____ to know your dad's new wife, so just be patient. But hopefully, if you make the effort and ⁸_____ some time with her daughters, you will find that things improve.

Have your say! 2 comments

Amelia24 This happened to me two years ago when my mum remarried. I ⁹_____ a lot of arguments with my new dad and I even ended up shouting at my mum and ¹⁰_____ out with her, which was awful. You have to give the new relationships time.

SaraG Don't spend too much time at home if you find it stressful. ¹¹_____ out when you can and hang ¹²_____ with your friends at weekends, rather than spending time ¹³_____ your own at home. The others are right – it takes time, but I'm sure that if you make the effort with your new family members, in time you will all enjoy ¹⁴_____ other's company.

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7- Complete the sentences with THE CORRECT FORM of the phrasal verbs:

deal with fall out with ~~get on with~~ go out hang out with put up with

- 1 I don't *get on with* my sister at all – we're completely different and she just annoys me!
- 2 It's very difficult to _____ problems such as bullying on your own. It's much easier if you ask a teacher for help.
- 3 When I moved to a new school, I _____ a lot because I wanted to make new friends.
- 4 I can't _____ noise when I'm trying to study. I need silence.
- 5 I prefer to _____ just a small group of friends. I don't like big crowds.
- 6 I _____ Dale because he kept asking me to do his homework for him and it really annoyed me!

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