



The Italian Family Today

Reading. Paragraph 1

Strong family values have always been associated with Italian society. In our times, the image of the loyal and close-knit Italian family has been reinforced and internationally exported by many popular movies and TV series. However, recent times have also seen drastic changes to the fabric of Italian society which have had a profound impact on family life. These changes include: an increase in women working outside the home, an increase in the number of students pursuing higher education, and the legalisation of divorce.

Vocabulary

family values	قيم العائلة
to be associated with	لنترافق مع
society (n)	المجتمع
loyal (adj)	مخلص
close-knit (adj)	متماسكة
to be reinforced	ليتم تعزيزها
to be exported	ليتم تصديرها
however	ومع ذلك
recent times	في الآونة الأخيرة
drastic changes	تغييرات جذرية
a fabric	النسيج
to have a profound impact on	ليكون لها تأثير عميق على
to include (v)	لكي يتضمن
an increase	زيادة, ارتفاع
to pursue higher education	لمتابعة التعليم العالي
legalisation of divorce	تقنين الطلاق
major changes	تغييرات كبيرة
to occur (v)	ليحدث

Answer the question: What major changes occurred in Italian society in recent times?

Write synonyms for (check your Student's Book, page 7):

drastic: _____ **profound:** _____