Meeting the Bonells

FAMILY WELCOMES BABY SIXTEEN

Baby Katelyn is the latest child of Jeni and Ray Bonell of Queensland, Australia. They have got sixteen children – seven girls and nine boys.

Life in the Bonell house is noisy, but they've got rules so things don't get too crazy. The house has got seven bedrooms but each child sleeps in his or her own bed. Jesse and Brooke, the two oldest kids, don't live with the family. They have got their own homes in the neighbourhood but they often visit.

Jeni says that having a big family is normal for them. Her day-to-day life is similar to the life of other mums, just with more washing to do and bigger meals to cook. Food shopping costs about $600 a week. Meals and house cleaning are big jobs, but all the children help from the age of eight. One of the Bonell's neighbours says, 'I've only got two children and I haven't got time for myself. I don't know how Jeni and Ray do it. And they love it. They're great parents!'

Giving each of their children enough time and attention isn't easy, but it's important for both parents. 'Jeni and Ray spend so much time with the kids,' says a family friend. 'The kids definitely feel loved and happy and the new baby is beautiful.'

Read the text about the Bonells, and answer the following questions

a. Look at the photo of the Bonell family. Find the following information

- Who are the parents?
- The number of children?
- A son and a daughter?
- A brother and a sister
- A husband and a wife?

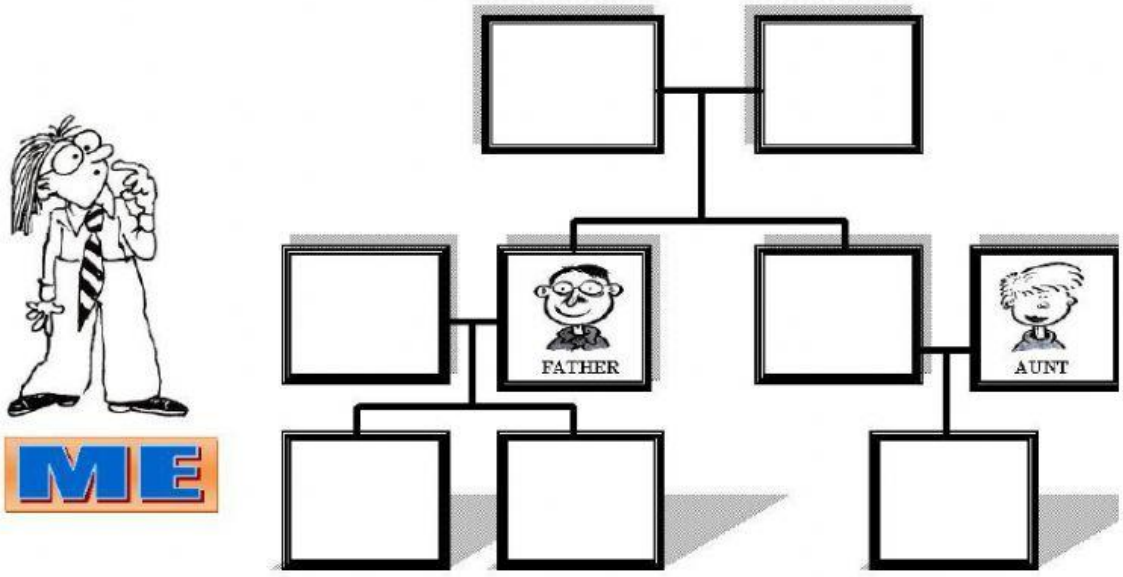
Read the text again and find the 8 (eight) words connected to ***family***

b- Complete the chart with the positive and/or negative things about life in a big or small family.

FAMILY LIFE	
POSTIVE	**NEGATIVE**

Now, complete this ***family tree*** with your own information!

Complete this family tree:



- I have got one grandfather and one grandmother.
- I have got one cousin
- I have got an uncle
- I have got one sister and one brother