

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

1 **OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Do you have anything in common with the people and their families?

2 Read the text about Pasha. Then watch the video from 0:11–0:26 and underline the words you hear.

Hello. My name is Pasha. I work ¹in/for the BBC and I do a lot of DJing in my ²free/spare time. Originally, I ³come/am from Moscow, but most of my family ⁴live/lives in New York now. Today I'm ⁵speaking/talking to people about their ⁶families/relatives. Tell me about your family.



Glossary: DJ = disc jockey
DJing = being a DJ

3 Read the places and nationalities below. Then watch the video from 0:28–3:26 and number the words in the order you hear them. THREE words are said twice.

Brighton	<u>1</u>	England (x2)	<u>2</u>	+	_____
Toronto	_____	Mexican	_____		
Ireland	_____	the north west of England	_____		
Canada (x2)	_____ + _____	Northern Ireland	_____		
London	_____	Mexico	_____		
Belfast	_____	Scottish (x2)	_____ + _____		
Irish	_____	southwest Scotland	_____		

4 Tell me about your family. Look at pictures A–F and watch the video from 0:28–1:35. Match statements 1–6 to the correct people.



Tracey



Brogan



Paul



Elizabeth



Nicholas



Michael

- 1 Who lives near his parents?
- 2 Whose parents have lived in England for 25 years?
- 3 Who has six younger brothers and sisters?
- 4 Whose father passed away 20 years ago?
- 5 Who has a very good relationship with her sister?
- 6 Who gets on very well with her brothers?

Glossary: passaway = die

5 In what ways are you like your parents or siblings? Look at the people and read the statements about them. Then watch the video from 1:36–2:38 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.

Glossary: *siblings* = brothers and sisters



A Tracey



B Paul



C Brogan

1 Tracey is taller than her mother. **F**

2 Tracey looks and behaves like her mother. _____

3 Paul's very much like his sister. _____

4 He thinks he's conscientious. _____

5 Brogan's thinner than her sister. _____

6 Her mother's more reserved than her father. _____



D Nicholas



E Elizabeth

7 Nicholas is passionate like his father. _____

8 Nicholas is passionate like his mother. _____

9 Elizabeth's different from her brothers. _____

10 Her brothers are similar to their dad. _____

Glossary: *conscientious* = careful to do the things that need doing
reserved = don't like to talk about or show emotions and feelings
passionate = show strong feelings, e.g. love, anger

6 What do you know about your family history? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 2:40–3:27 and delete the wrong words.



A Brogan



B Paul

1 My name's Brogan, and it's supposed to *come from/be* Scottish or Irish, but I have no idea where it's really *of/from*.

2 My family history goes quite, quite a long way back on my *mother's/father's* side.

3 ... she and her twin *sister/brother* were adopted and we've only managed to go back one generation to the northwest of England.



C Michael



D Tracey

4 I actually started to retrace my family history/roots last year, so I went to Northern Ireland, to Belfast ...

5 Found the house that my great-grandfather *built/lived in* and where my grandfather was *born/born*.

6 I don't know very much *of/about* my family history but I'd like to look into it in *the/–* future.

Glossary: *adopted* = legally make someone else's child your own
generation = people of about the same age
retrace = find out about
look into = find out the truth about something

7 **THE WAY WE SPEAK:** The people in the pictures describe and compare members of their family. Watch the video from 1:38–2:22 and complete what they say.



A Tracey



B Paul



C Brogan

I look ¹a lot like my mum: we have, like, the same height and build and face structure. And, I ²_____ I have the same traits ³_____ her. We, sort of, have a very ⁴_____ personality in the way we think about things, the way we express ourselves.

I ⁵_____ think I'm very much like my sister; I think she's very different ⁶_____ me. I think I'm similar ⁷_____ my father: we ⁸_____ have a mathematical, 'science type' mind...

Um, I look ⁹_____ a lot like my sister. But she's ¹⁰_____ a younger version of me. And she's thinner. And then, my mum, she's a ¹¹_____ more reserved, so she's very organised and my dad is ¹²_____ louder, a lot more enthusiastic.

Glossary: *we have, like, the same height* = a slang word with no real meaning that is used a lot in spoken English, esp. by young people. It gives the speaker time to pause and think

build = body shape and size

sort of = when what you say is partly, but perhaps not exactly, true

trait = characteristic

enthusiastic = get excited about things

8 PERSONALISATION: Write your answers to the questions.

1 What's your family like?

2 In what ways are you like your parents or siblings?

3 What do you know about your family history? Would you like to find out more?
