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Family and friends

Vocabulary

A

Family

I can talk about family members.



- 1 Complete the sentences with the correct family member from the words below.

cousins granddaughter grandfather grandparents
grandson nephew niece sister uncle

- My son's son is my grandson.
- My dad's brother is my _____.
- My mum's father and mother are my _____.
- My parents' daughter is my _____.
- My father's father is my _____.
- My father's sister's children are my _____.
- My brother's daughter is my _____.
- My daughter's daughter is my _____.
- My sister's son is my _____.

- 2 Complete three more sentences like those in exercise 1.

- My _____ is my grandmother.
- My _____ is my aunt.
- My _____ are my nieces.

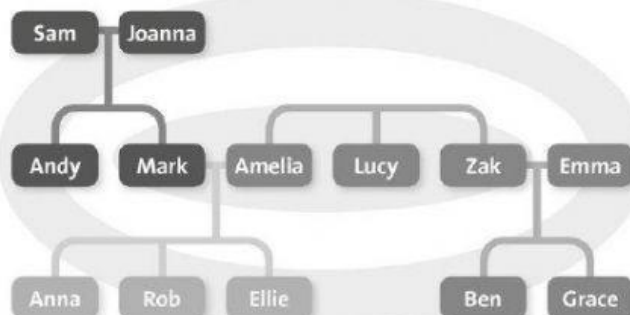
- 3 Add the apostrophes in the correct places. Then choose the correct answer, a or b.

- My mothers new husband is my _____.
a father-in-law b stepfather
- My sisters husband is my _____.
a brother-in-law b stepbrother
- My sons wife is my _____.
a son-in-law b daughter-in-law
- My fathers wives daughter is my _____.
a sister-in-law b stepsister

- 4 Look at the apostrophes. Tick the correct sentence (a or b).

- a My children's dog is at their uncle's house. ☐
b My childrens' dog is at their uncles' house. ☐
- a That is my wives' sister's car. ☐
b That is my wife's sister's car. ☐
- a My nephew's mother is my brothers' wife. ☐
b My nephews' mother is my brother's wife. ☐

- 5 Look at the family tree. Write sentences about the people in brackets.

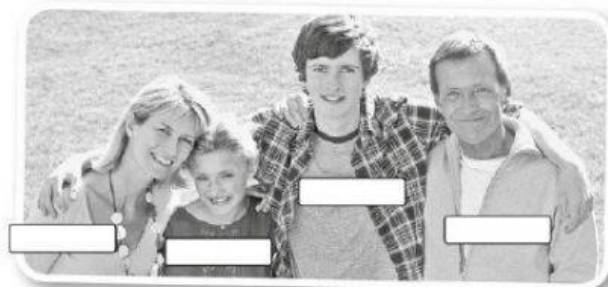


- (Mark / Andy) Mark is Andy's brother.
- (Ben / Anna) _____.
- (Joanna / Rob) _____.
- (Mark / Ben) _____.
- (Rob / Lucy) _____.
- (Zak / Emma) _____.
- (Sam / Andy) _____.
- (Amelia / Ellie) _____.
- (Anna / Ellie) _____.
- (Sam / Rob) _____.

- 6 **1.04** Listen to a girl and boy talking about a photo of the family in exercise 5. What is the girl's name? Use the family tree to help you.

She is _____.

- 7 **1.04** Listen again. Which four members of the family from exercise 5 are in the photo? Label them.



- 8 Write sentences about three members of your own family.

I've got a sister. Her name is Olivia.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Present simple (affirmative)

I can use the present simple affirmative correctly.

- 1 Complete the descriptions using the present simple affirmative form of the verbs in brackets. Can you match each description with a TV show below?

*3rd Rock from the Sun Friends How I Met Your Mother
The Simpsons Two and a Half Men*



1 *3rd Rock from the Sun*

Dick Solomon and his family are not really humans: they _____ (come) from another part of the universe. But they _____ (live) on Earth and _____ (study) humans. Dick _____ (teach) at a university.

2 _____

The children _____ (go) to Springfield Elementary School and their father _____ (work) at a nuclear power plant.

3 _____

Two friends, Joey and Chandler, _____ (share) an apartment. Rachel and Monica _____ (live) in the same block. Monica's brother Ross often _____ (visit) them.

4 _____

Ted Mosby _____ (live) in Manhattan. He _____ (go) out with lots of friends, but he only _____ (meet) his wife in the final series.

5 _____

Charlie Harper _____ (live) in Malibu. His brother, Alan, _____ (come) to live with him and Alan's son _____ (visit) at weekends.

- 2 Write the third person singular forms of the verbs below.

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| 1 enjoy _____ | 5 know _____ |
| 2 have _____ | 6 go _____ |
| 3 finish _____ | 7 use _____ |
| 4 study _____ | 8 watch _____ |

- 3 Complete the sentences with the third person singular forms from exercise 2.

- My uncle is from Paris and he _____ the city really well.
- My brother _____ to a music club every Monday.
- My little sister _____ a computer for her homework.
- This lesson _____ at 3.05 p.m.
- My grandad _____ TV every evening.
- My cousin _____ piano lessons every weekend.
- Our dog really _____ his walks.
- My best friend _____ at university in Istanbul.

- 4 Complete the information with the present simple affirmative forms of the verbs in brackets.

1 I _____ (live) in Montreal with my family. We _____ (speak) French at school, but I _____ (speak) English at home with my family. My mum _____ (work) in a shop and my dad _____ (play) the guitar in a band.

2 I'm from Miami, Florida. I _____ (live) with my parents and my three brothers. My grandma _____ (live) in the same street. She _____ (visit) us every day. She _____ (speak) Spanish.

3 I _____ (live) in Perth, in Australia. In the summer, I _____ (go) to the beach every day and I _____ (swim) in the sea. My brother _____ (love) sport. He _____ (play) cricket for Western Australia juniors.

4 My family and I _____ (live) in Aberdeen, in Scotland. We _____ (speak) English – but my grandad _____ (know) Gaelic too. I _____ (play) the violin in a folk band and my sister _____ (sing). She _____ (dance) too!

5 I _____ (live) in Dublin, in Ireland. School _____ (finish) at three o'clock every day. After school I _____ (ride) my bike or I _____ (skateboard). Then I _____ (have) dinner with my mum. My dad _____ (work) in a hotel. He _____ (have) dinner at work.

- 5 Write a short message about yourself like the ones in exercise 4. Use verbs from this page.

Sibling rivalry

I can understand a text about brothers and sisters.

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1 Complete the sentences with the prepositions below.

about for from in of on to with

- 1 Is the teacher angry _____ your homework?
- 2 My dad is very similar _____ his brother.
- 3 Barbados is famous _____ its beautiful beaches.
- 4 My sister is very proud _____ her exam results.
- 5 I'm not very interested _____ sport.
- 6 Are you keen _____ music?
- 7 Jake is very different _____ his father.
- 8 Are you pleased _____ your new bike?

2 Read the text. Match paragraphs 1–5 with the headings below (a–e).

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| a Educational advantages | d Girl power |
| b Step-siblings | e Learning important skills |
| c Introduction | |

Reading Strategy

When you want to know if a sentence fits a gap, read the sentences before and after as well as the sentence itself, and ask yourself these questions:

- Does it make sense?
- Does it fit grammatically? (Think about tense, pronouns, singular and plural, *this / that*, etc.)
- Does it match the topic of the paragraph?

3 Read the Reading Strategy. Then match gaps 1–4 in the text with sentences A–E. There is one extra sentence.

- A This is because they help you with homework.
 B Boys with sisters are also good at talking to girls.
 C Do they offer the same advantages?
 D Nobody is very keen on arguments, but in fact, they can be a good thing.
 E Do you get on well with your brother or sister?

THE SIBLING EFFECT

1 ☒ We don't always get on well with our brothers and sisters – but we get a lot of benefits from them. Research shows that siblings have a big effect on our personalities – and in general, it's a good effect.

2 ☐ When you're young, you argue with your brothers and sisters. It's part of life. ¹ _____. Why? Because you learn important skills from these arguments. And according to research, you don't get these skills from friends, only from siblings.

3 ☐ A big brother or sister is also an advantage at school. According to research, when your big brother or sister does well at school, you do well too. ² _____. They can also give you important information about your school and your teachers. The research shows that a big brother or sister can bring you an extra 4% in your exams! (And for children from poor families, it's 11%.)

4 ☐ Some benefits are only true when your sibling is a girl. For example, according to research at the University of Ulster, in Northern Ireland, boys with sisters are usually good at talking about emotions. This helps them to be happy, because when they feel worried about something, they can share their feelings. ³ _____

5 ☐ But what about stepbrothers and stepsisters? ⁴ _____ The answer is: yes, they do – but only when they are part of the family for six years or more.

