

VOCABULARY MODULE 1: FAMILY

I. PHRASAL VERBS, IDIOMS, COLLOCATION

Exercise 1.

a) Match the phrases on the left with their definition on the right.

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| 1. Point of view | a. Do the same job or activity as sb else who did it before you |
| 2. Show somebody the ropes | b. Respect & admire somebody |
| 3. Know sth inside out | c. Care for and teach a child until they are adult |
| 4. A way of life/ sb's way of life | d. Be found very often in a family |
| 5. In someone's blood | e. Look or behave like an older member of your family |
| 6. Follow in somebody's footsteps | f. A way of looking at a situation, an opinion |
| 7. Look up to somebody | g. Show sb carefully what to do and how to do it |
| 8. Bring somebody up | h. Have a lot of knowledge of sth |
| 9. Run in the family | i. The behavior and customs that are typical of a person or group |
| 10. Take after somebody | k. It is a strong part of your character |

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b). Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

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| 1. He hopes to follow _____ my footsteps. | 4. Politics is _____ my blood. |
| 2. She has a different point _____ view. | 5. Baldness seems to run _____ my family. |
| 3. My sister takes _____ my mum. | 6. It's a different way _____ life. |

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____

c). Complete the text.

My father was a classical pianist. He knew the works of Mozart inside (1)_____ and performed them all over the world. He (2)_____ me up to love music as well, it seems to be something that (3)_____ in our family. However, I eventually (4)_____ in my mother's footsteps and became a doctor, and by coincidence, it was my uncle (my mother's brother) who showed me the (5)_____ when I got my first job in a hospital in London.

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____

d). Choose the phrases from a) and fill in the blanks.

I (1)_____ my father. We're both tall – that (2)_____ - and we both have a passion for the outdoor life. I was (3)_____ on a farm and always (4)_____ my father, so it was no surprise when I (5)_____ his _____ and joined him on the family farm. Basically farming is (6)_____, and it's been our (7)_____ for five generations. Working with Dad is great. He knows the business (8)_____ and enjoys (9)_____ me _____. And from his (10)_____, he likes to have someone younger with new ideas – even if they aren't that good!

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10. _____

Exercise 2.**a) Match the phrases on the left with their definition on the right.**

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| 1. Let oneself in for | a. Do sth unpleasant to sb in return for sth unpleasant they did to u |
| 2. Be born with silver spoon in sb's mouth | b. Get into a situation in which you may be punished |
| 3. Get your own back (on sb) | c. Pretend not to see or notice sth, usually sth bad |
| 4. Burst into tears | d. Involve yourself in sth that will probably be unpleasant or difficult |
| 5. Growth into sth | e. have advantages because you come from a rich family. |
| 6. Get into trouble (for sth) | f. Suddenly start crying |
| 7. Turn a blind eye (to sth) | g. Gradually develop into a particular kind of person |
| 8. like two peas in a pod | h. two people look, behave or think exactly the same. |

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____

b). Complete the questions.

- Where were you _____ up as a child?
- Who do you most _____ after in your family?
- Why did she fall in love with such an ugly boy? Because he was _____.
- Would you like to follow in anyone's _____?
- As a teenager, could you _____ late when you were with friends?
- Is there anyone you particular _____ up to in your family?
- Have your parents ever turned _____ to things you did?
- Is there a physical characteristic that _____ in your family?
- Have you ever _____ trouble at school? If so, what for?
- Do you remember getting your _____ on someone for something so horrible they did to you?

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____

c). Choose the phrases from a) and fill in the blanks.

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When my mother gave (1) _____ twins, I don't suppose she knew what she was (2) _____. Although we (3) _____, we were equally horrible. If she pulled my hair, I (4) _____ by hiding her favourite doll, she always (5) _____ when I did that. And then we (6) _____ even more difficult teenagers. We (7) _____ late and were always getting into troubles at school for smoking, wearing make-up, or just being lazy. Our poor mother tried to (8) _____ some of our behavior, but it wasn't easy. Then, by some miracle, we (9) _____. We're both quite nice now!

Fill in the following words in the definitions below:

pod**spitting****flesh****knot****chalk****blood**

1. Your heart pumps your through your body.
2. Peas grow in a
3. Some teachers still use to write on blackboards.
4. There's now a taboo about in public, although it was very common a hundred years ago.
5. The of an animal is the part we usually eat as meat.
6. When you tie two pieces of string together, you make a

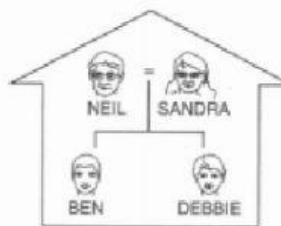
II. TOPICAL VOCABULARY

Exercise 1.

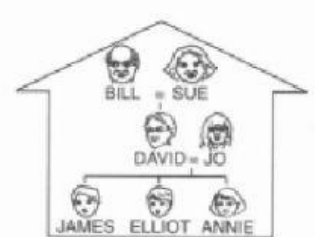
a). Match the words a-d with the family trees 1-4.

- a. an extended family
- b. a step-family
- c. a nuclear family
- d. one-parent/ single parent family

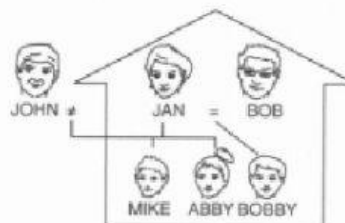
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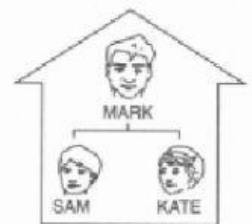
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1. ____

2. ____

3. ____

4. ____

b). Choose the most suitable words/phrases in bold then fill in each blank.

estranged
broken

ex-wife
confirmed

extended
distant

dysfunctional
close-knit

late
nuclear

I grew up in an (1) _____ family as my grandparents and a couple of aunts and an uncle, who was a (2) _____ bachelor, lived with us. We saw a lot of out (3) _____ relatives as well as our close ones. I think that families tended to be much more (4) _____ then – we talked to each other more and did things together more.

I'm sure there are far more (5) _____ families now than there used to be – you know, where parents hardly spend time with their children, or with each other – and a lot of parents who are divorced. My (6) _____ wife, who died two years ago, used to say that it is not fair on children to let them grow up in (7) _____ homes.

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Exercise 2: Match sentences 1-12 with a second sentence A-M. You the key words and phrases in bold to help.

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| 1. Mr & Mrs White are very authoritarian parents. | A. They don't look after their children very well. |
| 2. Mrs Bowles is considered to be too lenient . | B. He is fascinated by the way they learn new things. |
| 3. Mr & Mrs Harris lead separate lives . | C. He rarely punishes his children. |
| 4. Billy is a well-adjusted kid. | D. I live with my mother and visit my father at weekend. |
| 5. The Mannings are not very responsible parents. | E. He never listens to a word I say and always play truant from school. |
| 6. My parents are separated. | F. Brothers and sisters usually bear some resemblance to one another. |
| 7. Parents must look after their children, they shouldn't be over-protective . | G. Although they married and live together, they rarely speak to each other. |
| 8. Professor John has made a study of the cognitive processes of young children. | H. They are strict with their children. |
| 9. I'm afraid my youngest child is running wild . | I. All of these, the teenager years are the most difficult. |
| 10. She looks quite different from her siblings . | J. Children need the freedom to get out and experience the world around them. |
| 11. There are several different and distinct stages of development in a child's life. | K. He's happy at home and doing well at school. |
| 12. Tom was raised by a foster family when his parents passed away. | L. Many families take in children who are not their own. |

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____ 11. ____ 12. ____

Exercise 3: Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space.

BECOMING A PARENT

Very little in our lives prepares us for (1)_____ (PARENT). Suddenly, your life is turned upside down and all sorts of (2)_____ (FAMILIAR) demands are placed on you. How we ourselves were treated by our parents in our (3)_____ (YOUNG) can have an (4)_____ (APPRECIATE) effect on who we become as parents. Our own (5)_____ (OBSERVE) of how our parents responded to us creates a model of parenting that is (6)_____ (INTIMATE) connected to the kind of parents we become. It's not uncommon for people to show the same child rearing (7)_____ (CHARACTER) as their own parents. If your father was an (8)_____ (SYMPATHY) figure who always seemed too busy to care about how you felt, then there's a chance you will repeat the same behavior. If your mother was utterly (9)_____ (SELF) in her devotion to her children, there's a chance that you too will be equally giving and do all that is (10)_____ (HUMAN) possible for your offspring.

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