

## UNIT 4: FAMILY STRUCTURES

- 6 You are going to hear a lecture about family structures. What kind of information is needed to complete the sentences 1-4?

Example: Nowadays, the elderly are less likely to rely + on + noun.

- 'on': The verb 'rely' is usually followed by the dependent preposition 'on'.
  - a noun: This sentence has a subject and a verb. To complete the sentence we need an object. This needs to be a noun because the verb 'rely on' is followed by an object. There may be a possessive adjective in front of the noun (e.g. 'their siblings'), or an article (e.g. 'the government').
- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ family structure has changed greatly in the last fifty years.
  - 2 Strong family structures used to be necessary due \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3 People often \_\_\_\_\_ the wealth of their parents.
  - 4 More than \_\_\_\_\_ children have no siblings nowadays.

Now listen and complete the sentences using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER.