

C1. TOPIC 3: RELATIONSHIPS – Worksheet 3: Family – Roles in the Family: Idioms Match-up



Match the idioms 1-8 with their meanings (A-H)

1. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.
He's a chip off the old block.
It runs in the family.
He takes after his mother.
Birds of a feather flock together.
2. They're my own flesh and blood.
3. She rules the roost.
She wears the trousers in our house.
4. He's a family man.
5. There is bad blood between them.
They hate each other's guts
They are at each other's throats
They fight like cat and dog.
6. He's the apple of their eye.
He's their blue-eyed boy.
7. He's the black sheep of the family.
8. The family that prays together stays together.

- A The rest of the family like him.
- B Children are similar to their parents.
- C He likes spending time with his family.
- D Religion unites a family.
- E The rest of the family don't like him.
- F She's the boss.
- G We're related.
- H The family members fight/ argue/ aren't happy with each other.

1. Blood is thicker than water.
Families stay together through thick and thin.
2. Empty nest syndrome
3. Tie the knot.
Get hitched.
4. You can choose your friends but you can't choose your family.
5. Cut the apron strings.
6. The sins of the father shall be visited upon the son.
7. A close-knit family
8. a match made in heaven

- A The sadness experienced by a parent when their children leave home.
- B Family members take priority over other people. / Family members support each other.
- C A family who get on well and see each other a lot.
- D Get married.
- E A couple who are perfect for each other.
- F You have to accept the family that you have.
- G To become independent from your mother.
- H Children often suffer because of their parents' mistakes.