

# Future forms

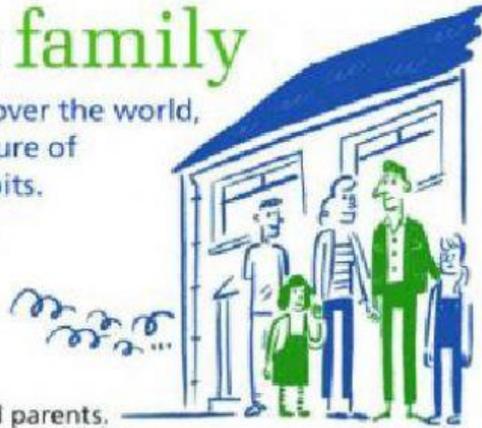
a Read the article about modern British family life. Listen and complete the gaps with the numbers from the list.

2 10% 14% 17% 30 32 40% 45%



## The modern family

Family life is changing all over the world, and it's not just the structure of the family, but also its habits. A recent survey of British family life showed some surprising statistics.



### Family structure

60% of families have married parents.

22% are single-parent families.

Only <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the single parents are men.



<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of families have **one** child, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have **two**, and **15%** have three or more.

**11%** of families have stepchildren.

On average **women** get married at <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and **men** at <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.



### Family habits

**20%** of families only eat together once or twice a week, and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ never eat at the same time.



They visit friends or extended family **twice** a month.

<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of people have family members who they **never speak to** or contact.



**75%** of people are happiest with their families, and **17%** with their friends.

The average family has <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **rows** each day, and the most common cause is children or teenagers refusing to put down their phones or tablets.



b Listen to three conversations between different family members. Match them to cartoons A–C. What are the people talking about?



c Listen again and complete two sentences from each conversation.

- 1 a I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ to university.
- b \_\_\_\_\_ you a cup of tea?
- 2 c I \_\_\_\_\_ the night there.
- d It \_\_\_\_\_ cold tonight.
- 3 e You \_\_\_\_\_ too fast.
- f I \_\_\_\_\_ really careful.

d Decide which sentence (a–f) is...

an offer

a plan or intention  
 a prediction

an arrangement  
 a promise

e Answer the questions

**Is anyone in your family...?**

- getting married in the near future
- travelling abroad this month
- having a baby this year
- celebrating their birthday soon

**Are you going to...?**

- do something with a family member this week
- have a big family get-together soon
- go on holiday with your family this year
- visit a relative this weekend

**Do you think...?**

- more couples will have just one child in the future
- more young adults will live with their parents in the future
- anyone in your family will live to be 90 or older
- you'll move away from (or back to) the area where your family live



f Complete the conversations with the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.



- A *Are* \_\_\_\_\_ you *going away* \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend? (go away)  
 B No, we \_\_\_\_\_ here. Why? (stay)  
 A We \_\_\_\_\_ a barbecue. Would you like to come? (have)

- A I'm too tired to cook. \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ a Chinese takeaway? (order)  
 B Good idea. I \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant. What do you want for your starter? (call)  
 A I \_\_\_\_\_ spring rolls, please. (have)



- A What time \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning? (leave)  
 B I \_\_\_\_\_ the six o'clock train. (get)  
 A I \_\_\_\_\_ you a lift to the station, then. (give)



- A What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ tonight? (do)  
 B I \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema with some friends. (go)  
 A What film \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_? (see)  
 B The new Star Wars film.  
 A Oh, I've seen it. You \_\_\_\_\_ it! (love)

- A \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ you do the washing-up? (help)  
 B OK. I \_\_\_\_\_ and you can dry. But please be careful with the glasses. (wash)  
 A Don't worry. I \_\_\_\_\_ anything! (not break)

**g Answer the questions. Use the correct future forms.**

- 1 What are you going to do after the class?  
*First, I'm going to go shopping.* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Then, I'm going to go home and make dinner.* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What do you think the weather will be like tomorrow?  
 In the morning, it \_\_\_\_\_  
 In the afternoon, I think it \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 What are you doing this weekend?  
 I \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What are your plans for next summer?  
 I \_\_\_\_\_

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