Match the words to their correct definition, *a* or *b*.

1. couple	☐	a. two people who work in the same place together b. two people who are in a relationship together
2. distant relative	☐	a. someone in your family that you are not closely related to b. someone in your family that lives far away from you
3. offspring	☐	a. a child of someone b. a family member
4. niece	☐	a. a daughter of your or your husband's/wife's brother or sister b. a son of your or your husband's/wife's brother or sister
5. spouse	☐	a. someone's brother or sister b. someone's husband or wife
6. stepmother	☐	a. the woman who is married to your father but is not your biological mother b. the woman who is your mother but is no longer married to your father
7. father-in-law	☐	a. the father of the person you are married to b. the man who is your real father but is no longer married to your mother
8. immediate family	☐	a. the relations you live with b. your closest relations
9. great-grandparents	☐	a. your parents' grandparents b. your grandparents' grandparents
10. descendant	☐	a. a relative that lived years before you b. a relative that is or will be born after you

B

Complete the sentences with the prepositions *up, after, out, from,* or *down*.

PHRASAL VERBS

1. I was brought _____ to respect the opinion of my younger siblings.
2. Simon fell _____ with his best friend after he had lied to him.
3. Jack was a bit wild in his adolescence, but settled _____ after he met Bridget and got engaged.
4. I always looked _____ to my uncle because of the way he would stay calm in a difficult situation.
5. Henry decided to name his newborn son _____ his grandfather as a sign of respect.
6. I had a terrible argument with my fiancée last week, but I made _____ with her over dinner yesterday.
7. After Sally found out that Peter had kept a secret _____ her, she decided to split _____ with him.
8. I am so glad that I opened _____ to my stepsister and told her exactly what was on my mind.
9. When I find the person that took my book, I'm going to have it _____ with them.
10. My best man really let me _____ when he failed to come to my stag party.
11. I'm a little worried because I haven't heard _____ my stepson in over a week.
12. John was asking _____ you and I told him that you're fine and will call him this afternoon.

C

Complete the sentences with the correct family member.

sister-in-law distant relative son-in-law half-sister siblings twin

1. My daughter's husband is my _____.
2. My brothers and sisters are my _____.
3. The daughter of only one of my parents is my _____
4. My brother or sister who was born on the same day as me is my _____
5. The sister of my wife is my _____.
6. A cousin of my dad's aunt is my _____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

D Read sentences 1-10 and match the idioms in bold to the definitions a-j.

IDIOMS

1. In difficult times you can't rely on Andy because he's just a **fair-weather friend**.
2. As soon as Terry reached adulthood, he decided to **fly the nest** so he could experience true independence.
3. My brother and I **were** constantly **at each other's throats** during our teenage years.
4. I've **been in Lily's good books** ever since I taught her how to play chess.
5. Andrew stays away from big events and likes to **keep to himself**.
6. Our neighbours **won't give us the time of day** since we quarrelled with them.
7. Even though he is much older than me, we **are on the same wavelength**.
8. My best friend and I **go back a long way** – we met in kindergarten.
9. The newly-married couple sat down to **have a heart-to-heart** to figure out why they were arguing so often.
10. True friends stick together **through thick and thin**.

a. not to socialise with other people very much
b. to know each other for a long time
c. a person you can rely on in good times, but not when you have problems
d. to argue with another person
e. to have the same ideas or feelings as someone else
f. to be especially liked by someone for a particular reason
g. to be unfriendly and not to speak to someone
h. to discuss something openly and honestly with someone else
i. to leave your parents' home to go and live somewhere else
j. no matter what happens

E Complete the email with the words/phrases in the box. There are two extra words you do not need to use.

YourMailbox | Compose mail

bride | bridesmaids | extended | groom | honeymoon | newlyweds | reception | reunion | wedding ceremony | wife

From: Nicole

Subject: Suzie's wedding

Hi Louise,

How are you? I hope you're well.

I just thought I'd drop you a line and tell you about my sister's wedding last week. It really was a shame you missed such a great day.

Anyway, the (1) _____ looked very handsome. It was the first time I'd seen John in a suit, and he looked fantastic. Suzie turned up late at the church, but I guess the (2) _____ is supposed to do that. The (3) _____ took place in our local church, and my little niece looked so sweet as one of the (4) _____.



The wedding (5) _____ was a great laugh, and it was also a chance to catch up with all the members of my (6) _____ family who I don't see so often.

The (7) _____ are away on their (8) _____ at the moment, but they'll be back next week if you want to come over and congratulate them.

See you soon!

Nicole

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Replace the phrases in bold with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box.

close confidant an acquaintance ancestor be the spitting image of
run in the family next of kin start a family take after



1. Little Ryan **bears a striking resemblance to** his dad.
2. I hope that in time I can go from being just **a person you know** to a very close friend.
3. Chloe and Oliver settled down and **had their first baby** after they had tied the knot.
4. Lee certainly **looks and acts like** his father.
5. Good manners obviously **are something that all their close relations have**.
6. This official document must be signed by your **closest relative**.
7. I have always looked upon my cousin as a **person who I can trust my feelings and secrets with**.
8. Mark Twain is apparently one of my **relatives that lived a long time ago**.

VOCABULARY BOOSTER

Many common prefixes used in English words originate from ancient Greek and Latin (e.g. *reassure, reinforce* - *re-* = again).

COMMON PREFIXES

Match the prefixes and example words 1-10 to their meanings a-j. Then add words of your own.

1. *ant-, anti-* anti-racist, antibacterial, _____ ☐ a. after
2. *auto-* autobiography, autograph, _____ ☐ b. against
3. *co-, com-* co-worker, cooperate, _____ ☐ c. bad
4. *extra-* extracurricular, extraordinary, _____ ☐ d. below
5. *mal-* malfunction, malnutrition, _____ ☐ e. half
6. *micro-* microchip, microbiologist, _____ ☐ f. self
7. *multi-* multilingual, multinational, _____ ☐ g. many, much
8. *post-* postgraduate, postmodern, _____ ☐ h. out of
9. *semi-* semi-final, semicircle, _____ ☐ i. small
10. *sub-* submarine, subconscious, _____ ☐ j. together



F Match the words 1-10 to the words a-j to form collocations.

COLLOCATIONS



1. biological ☐ a. home
2. children's ☐ b. wedding
3. generation ☐ c. child
4. neglected ☐ d. anniversary
5. civil ☐ e. parents
6. complete ☐ f. stranger
7. mutual ☐ g. gap
8. national ☐ h. abuse
9. wedding ☐ i. holiday
10. child ☐ j. friend

LIVEWORKSHEETS