

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

1 OVERVIEW: Watch the video. Do you have anything in common with the people and their families?

2 Read the text about Pasha. Then watch the video from 0:11–0:26 and underline the words you hear.

Hello. My name is Pasha. I work ¹*in/for* the BBC and I do a lot of DJing in my ²*free/spare* time. Originally, I ³*come/am* from Moscow, but most of my family ⁴*live/lives* in New York now. Today I'm ⁵*speaking/talking* to people about their ⁶*families/relatives*. Tell me about your family.



Glossary: DJ = disc jockey
DJing = being a DJ

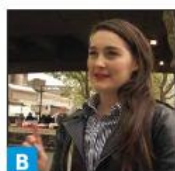
3 Read the places and nationalities below. Then watch the video from 0:28–3:26 and number the words in the order you hear them. **THREE** words are said twice.

Brighton <u>1</u>	England (x2) <u>2</u> + ____
Toronto ____	Mexican ____
Ireland ____	the north west of England ____
Canada (x2) ____ + ____	Northern Ireland ____
London ____	Mexico ____
Belfast ____	Scottish (x2) ____ + ____
Irish ____	southwest Scotland ____

4 Tell me about your family. Look at pictures A–F and watch the video from 0:28–1:35. Match statements 1–6 to the correct people.



Tracey



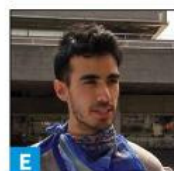
Brogan



Paul



Elizabeth



Nicholas



Michael

- 1 Who lives near his parents?
- 2 Whose parents have lived in England for 25 years?
- 3 Who has six younger brothers and sisters?
- 4 Whose father passed away 20 years ago?
- 5 Who has a very good relationship with her sister?
- 6 Who gets on very well with her brothers?

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Glossary: *passaway* = die

- 5** In what ways are you like your parents or siblings? Look at the people and read the statements about them. Then watch the video from 1:36–2:38 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.

Glossary: *siblings* = brothers and sisters



Tracey

- 1 Tracey is taller than her mother. F
- 2 Tracey looks and behaves like her mother. _____



Paul

- 3 Paul's very much like his sister. _____
- 4 He thinks he's conscientious. _____



Brogan

- 5 Brogan's thinner than her sister. _____
- 6 Her mother's more reserved than her father. _____



Nicholas

- 7 Nicholas is passionate like his father. _____
- 8 Nicholas is passionate like his mother. _____



Elizabeth

- 9 Elizabeth's different from her brothers. _____
- 10 Her brothers are similar to their dad. _____

Glossary: *conscientious* = careful to do the things that need doing
reserved = don't like to talk about or show emotions and feelings
passionate = show strong feelings, e.g. love, anger

- 6** What do you know about your family history? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 2:40–3:27 and delete the wrong words.



Brogan

- 1** My name's Brogan, and it's supposed to ~~come from~~/be Scottish or Irish, but I have no idea where it's really ~~of~~/from.



Paul

- 2** My family history goes quite, quite a long way back on my ~~mother's~~/father's side.
3 ... she and her twin ~~sister~~/brother were adopted and we've only managed to go back one generation to the northwest of England.



Michael

- 4** I actually started to retrace my family ~~history~~/roots last year, so I went to Northern Ireland, to Belfast ...
5 Found the house that my great-grandfather ~~built~~/lived in and where my grandfather was ~~born~~/born.



Tracey

- 6** I don't know very much ~~of~~/about my family history but I'd like to look into it in ~~the~~/- future.

Glossary: *adopted* = legally make someone else's child your own
generation = people of about the same age
retrace = find out about
look into = find out the truth about something

- 7 THE WAY WE SPEAK:** The people in the pictures describe and compare members of their family. Watch the video from 1:38–2:22 and complete what they say.



Tracey

I look ¹ a lot like my mum: we have, like, the same height and build and face structure. And, I ² _____ I have the same traits ³ _____ her. We, sort of, have a very ⁴ _____ personality in the way we think about things, the way we express ourselves.



Paul

I ⁵ _____ think I'm very much like my sister; I think she's very different ⁶ _____ me. I think I'm similar ⁷ _____ my father: we ⁸ _____ have a mathematical, 'science type' mind...



Brogan

Um, I look ⁹ _____ a lot like my sister. But she's ¹⁰ _____ a younger version of me. And she's thinner. And then, my mum, she's a ¹¹ _____ more reserved, so she's very organised and my dad is ¹² _____ louder, a lot more enthusiastic.

Glossary: *we have, like, the same height* = a slang word with no real meaning that is used a lot in spoken English, esp. by young people. It gives the speaker time to pause and think
build = body shape and size
sort of = when what you say is partly, but perhaps not exactly, true
trait = characteristic
enthusiastic = get excited about things

- 8 PERSONALISATION:** Write *your* answers to the questions.

1 What's your family like?

2 In what ways are you like your parents or siblings?

3 What do you know about your family history? Would you like to find out more?
