

READING

1. Read the text and choose the best answers.

Family time is when family members do things (1) _____. Ways of spending family time are different for different families, from taking a family (2) _____ in a nice place every year, or planning a family movie night every week, to having one (3) _____ together every day. Some families spend time together just by having regular family meetings. Family members can sit together to (4) _____ important issues and make decisions, or just have casual chats. Some people may think it is (5) _____ for everyone in the family to get together. However, in many case, parents as well as children have to adjust their own timetables to make (6) _____ to be with their family. Family time is important as it helps make the bonds between family members (7) _____ and creates fond memories of happy experiences.

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| 1. A. together | B. differently | C. similarly | D. for others |
| 2. A. course | B. vacation | C. photo | D. responsibility |
| 3. A. lunch | B. dinner | C. breakfast | D. meal |
| 4. A. discuss | B. argue | C. laugh at | D. enjoy |
| 5. A. simple | B. interesting | C. hard | D. funny |
| 6. A. excuses | B. friends | C. time | D. money |
| 7. A. special | B. stronger | C. weaker | D. natural |

2. Read the text and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

In 1977 Governor Raul Castro signed a paper suggesting that August 7, 1977 was American Family Day. One year later, Governor Bruce Babbitt signed the day into law as an official Arizona holiday. American Family Day is now celebrated across the United States on the first Sunday in August. It encourages people to enjoy the warming summer days with those dearest to them. Principally, the day encourages families to spend time with one another. Unlike some other family holidays, people do not give gifts on this day. Instead, they celebrate the day by focusing on family relationships. People believe that the best gift one can give their families is themselves. So on this day, people enjoy being with their families. The most common activities family members often do together include playing games outdoors or going for a walk in the park, watching a movie, visiting grandparents and bringing them a picnic lunch. Some families enjoy taking an art class together, visiting a museum or trying out a new recipe and getting the whole family involved in the cooking. Whatever people do, the most important thing should be that they do it with their families. Americans love their Family Day because it reminds them to express their love to their family and helps strengthen their family bonds.

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1. Family Day became an official holiday in Arizona in 1977.		
2. American Family Day is usually on Sunday.		
3. People often give gifts to their family members on American Family Day.		
4. On Family Day, family members often visit their friends together.		
5. Some families celebrate Family Day by cooking together.		
6. Family Day is the chance for people to express their love to their family.		