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Vocabulary

Family and friends

1 Match words 1–6 with definitions a–f.

- 1 stepsister
- 2 great-grandmother
- 3 half-sister
- 4 stepbrother
- 5 stepmother
- 6 stepson

- a A woman who is married to your father, but is not your mother.
- b The daughter of your father's new wife.
- c A girl who shares only one parent with you.
- d A male child that your husband or wife has from an earlier relationship or marriage.
- e The son of your stepfather or stepmother.
- f The mother of your grandmother.

2 Read the comments and write the family words.

Tom's the same age as me. His mum is not my real mum, but she's married to my dad now. He's my ¹ *stepbrother*.

Elsie and Joe are my dad's grandparents, so they're my ² _____. Joe's nearly one hundred years old!

Lucy's the youngest in my family and she's my ³ _____. We have the same mum, but different dads.

My mum died when I was quite young. My dad's got a new wife now, Sara. I really like her and I call her Mum, even though she isn't my real mother. She's my ⁴ _____.

My aunt didn't have any children when she married a man with two daughters. She's now got two ⁵ _____.

3 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I *go / get* on really well with my cousin, Jack – he's great!
- 2 You should talk to someone if you have a problem – don't just *deal / get* with it yourself.
- 3 I really enjoy *hanging / moving* out with my friends.
- 4 If you're feeling sad, you should *go out with / together* your friends and have some fun.
- 5 The whole family *got / went* together at the beach party last year.
- 6 I shared a bedroom with my sister when we were *growing up / away*.
- 7 I was really sad when my best friend moved *away / along* to a new town.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these phrasal verbs.

deal with get along with get on go out
get together grow up hang out with move away

- 1 I don't *get along with* my sister at all – we're completely different and she just annoys me.
- 2 He has a lot of problems to _____, so he's quite stressed.
- 3 When I moved to a new school, I _____ a lot because I wanted to make new friends.
- 4 My sister _____ to London when she started university.
- 5 Do you want to _____ to work on the project? You can come to my house on Saturday.
- 6 I prefer to _____ just a small group of friends. I don't like big crowds.
- 7 When you _____ in the countryside, you can play outside much more.
- 8 Do you _____ well with everybody in your class?

5 WORD FRIENDS Look at the pictures. Choose the correct option.



1 a She sees her best friend after school.
b She likes spending time with her brother.
c They often have an argument.



2 a They don't share any interests.
b They aren't getting to know each other.
c They have the same sense of humour.



3 a They're having an argument.
b They're getting to know each other.
c They have a lot in common.

6 WORD FRIENDS Complete the sentences with these words. There are two extra words.

argument get have make own
see sense share time

1 I'm quite a shy person – it takes me a while to get to know people.
2 My sisters and I love spending time with each other.
3 Aya and I have an interest in climbing, so we have lots to talk about.
4 Jo and Beth have an interest at least once a week. I don't know why they are friends.
5 My friends and I usually see each other after school.
6 I think it's important for friends to have the same sense of humour.
7 My brothers and I share something in common – we all love football!

7 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Your problems

Emma's here to help!

My mum and dad got divorced two years ago and my dad has just got married again. I really don't ¹ get on with his wife, my new ² wife. She's also got two daughters already, so I've now got two ³ stepsisters. I know I should be happy for my dad, but she doesn't want to ⁴ hang out any time with me. What's worse, I don't ⁵ share any interests with her kids! I just stay in my bedroom all the time now because I don't know how to ⁶ deal with this situation. Help!

Emma says:

It can be difficult when a parent gets a new partner, especially when there are also new children to add to your family. It will take time for you to ⁷ get to know your dad's new wife, so just be patient. But hopefully, if you make the effort and hang ⁸ out with the whole family, you will discover that things improve.

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This happened to me two years ago when my mum married my stepfather. You didn't ⁹ get up together, so now you think you have nothing in common. But try to talk to them more. Who knows, maybe you ¹⁰ share the same sense of humour?

SaraG

Don't spend too much time at home if you find it stressful. You need to ¹¹ hang together with friends when you can. The others are right – it takes time. But I'm sure that if you make the effort with your new family members, in time you will all get along ¹² with each other fine.