

Read the article about modern British family life. In pairs, try to 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.



**1.14** Listen and check. Are there any statistics in the article which you think would be very different in your country? Why?