

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 ¹ _____ of the single parents are men.



² _____ of families have **one** child, ³ _____ have **two**, and **15%** have three or more.

11% of families have stepchildren.

On average **women** get married at ⁴ _____, and **men** at ⁵ _____.



Family habits

20% of families only eat together once or twice a week, and ⁶ _____ never eat at the same time.



They visit friends or extended family **twice** a month.

⁷ _____ 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 ⁸ _____ **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?