

- c The BBC recently did a survey of 21st-century families in the UK. Read *Changing – for the better?* and try to guess what the missing percentages are. Choose from the list.

17% 26% 60% 75% 85%

Changing – for the better?

Family life is changing in the UK – but not in the way we might think. When the BBC did a survey of families in Britain, they expected to find that family relationships were suffering because of the decline in traditional family structures.

However, some of the results were quite surprising...

58%
of men

and

39%
of women

aged 20–24 still live at home with their parents.

1 _____

think that it is right for parents to charge rent to children over 25 who have a job and are living at home.

30%

use the internet at least once a week to contact their families.

On average, adults live

130

kilometres from their parents.

95%
of people

say that they have a close family.

2 _____
of people

have a meal with their immediate family every day.

3 _____

say that their families never argue.

4 _____

have family members who they don't speak to any more.

5 _____

think that families should look after grandparents.

75%

of people are happiest with their families.

17%

are happiest with friends.

ACTIVITY

- 1 (15)) Listen and check. Do any of the statistics surprise you? Which ones do you think would be very different if the survey was carried out in your country?

2 GRAMMAR future forms

- a **16** Listen to three dialogues between different family members. Who is talking to who (e.g. brother to sister)? What are they talking about?
- b Listen again and match two sentences with each dialogue (1–3).
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| A ☐ Shall I make you a cup of tea? | D ☐ I'm staying the night there. |
| B ☐ You'll drive too fast. | E ☐ I'll drive really slowly. |
| C ☐ I'm not going to go to university yet. | F ☐ It's going to be cold tonight. |
- c With a partner, decide which sentence (A–F) is...
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| ☐ a plan or intention | ☐ a prediction | ☐ an offer |
| ☐ an arrangement | ☐ a promise | |