

## **VOCABULARY MODULE 1: FAMILY**

### I. PHRASAL VERBS, IDIOMS, COLLOCATION

#### Exercise 1.

a) Match the phrases on the left with their definition on the right.

**1. Point of view**

**2. Show somebody the ropes**

**3. Know sth inside out**

**4. A way of life/ sb's way of life**

**5. In someone's blood**

**6. Follow in somebody's footsteps**

**7. Look up to somebody**

**8. Bring somebody up**

**9. Run in the family**

**10. Take after somebody**

**a. Do the same job or activity as sb else who did it before you**

**b. Respect & admire somebody**

**c. Care for and teach a child until they are adult**

**d. Be found very often in a family**

**e. Look or behave like an older member of your family**

**f. A way of looking at a situation, an opinion**

**g. Show sb carefully what to do and how to do it**

**h. Have a lot of knowledge of sth**

**i. The behavior and customs that are typical of a person or group**

**k. It is a strong part of your character**

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b). Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

1. He hopes to follow _____ my footsteps.	4. Politics is _____ my blood.
2. She has a different point _____ view.	5. Baldness seems to run _____ my family.
3. My sister takes _____ my mum.	6. It's a different way _____ life.

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c). Complete the text.

My father was a classical pianist. He knew the works of Mozart inside (1)\_\_\_\_\_ and performed them all over the world. He (2)\_\_\_\_\_ me up to love music as well, it seems to be something that (3)\_\_\_\_\_ in our family. However, I eventually (4)\_\_\_\_\_ in my mother's footsteps and became a doctor, and by coincidence, it was my uncle (my mother's brother) who showed me the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ when I got my first job in a hospital in London.

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d). Choose the phrases from a) and fill in the blanks.

I (1)\_\_\_\_\_ my father. We're both tall – that (2)\_\_\_\_\_ - and we both have a passion for the outdoor life. I was (3)\_\_\_\_\_ on a farm and always (4)\_\_\_\_\_ my father, so it was no surprise when I (5)\_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ and joined him on the family farm. Basically farming is (6)\_\_\_\_\_, and it's been our(7)\_\_\_\_\_ for five generations. Working with Dad is great. He knows the business (8)\_\_\_\_\_ and enjoys (9)\_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_. And from his (10)\_\_\_\_\_, he likes to have someone younger with new ideas – even if they aren't that good!

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**Exercise 2.****a) Match the phrases on the left with their definition on the right.**

<b>1. Let oneself in for</b>	<i>a. Do sth unpleasant to sb in return for sth unpleasant they did to u</i>
<b>2. Be born with silver spoon in sb's mouth</b>	<i>b. Get into a situation in which you may be punished</i>
<b>3. Get your own back (on sb)</b>	<i>c. Pretend not to see or notice sth, usually sth bad</i>
<b>4. Burst into tears</b>	<i>d. Involve yourself in sth that will probably unpleasant or difficult</i>
<b>5. Growth into sth</b>	<i>e. have advantages because you come from a rich family.</i>
<b>6. Get into trouble (for sth)</b>	<i>f. Suddenly start crying</i>
<b>7. Turn a blind eye (to sth)</b>	<i>g. Gradually develop into a particular kind of person</i>
<b>8. like two peas in a pod</b>	<i>h. two people look, behave or think exactly the same.</i>

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**b). Complete the questions.**

- Where were you \_\_\_\_\_ up as a child?
- Who do you most \_\_\_\_\_ after in your family?
- Why did she fall in love with such an ugly boy? Because he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Would you like to follow in anyone's \_\_\_\_\_?
- As a teenager, could you \_\_\_\_\_ late when you were with friends?
- Is there anyone you particular \_\_\_\_\_ up to in your family?
- Have your parents ever turned \_\_\_\_\_ to things you did?
- Is there a physical characteristic that \_\_\_\_\_ in your family?
- Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ trouble at school? If so, what for?
- Do you remember getting your \_\_\_\_\_ on someone for something so horrible they did to you?

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**c). Choose the phrases from a) and fill in the blanks.**

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When my mother gave (1) \_\_\_\_\_ twins, I don't suppose she knew what she was (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Although we (3) \_\_\_\_\_, we were equally horrible. If she pulled my hair, I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ by hiding her favourite doll, she always (5) \_\_\_\_\_ when I did that. And then we (6) \_\_\_\_\_ even more difficult teenagers. We (7) \_\_\_\_\_ late and were always getting into troubles at school for smoking, wearing make-up, or just being lazy. Our poor mother tried to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ some of our behavior, but it wasn't easy. Then, by some miracle, we (9) \_\_\_\_\_. We're both quite nice now!

Fill in the following words in the definitions below:

**pod**      **spitting**      **flesh**      **knot**      **chalk**      **blood**

1. Your heart pumps your . . . . . through your body.
2. Peas grow in a . . . . .
3. Some teachers still use . . . . . to write on blackboards.
4. There's now a taboo about . . . . . in public, although it was very common a hundred years ago.
5. The . . . . . of an animal is the part we usually eat as meat.
6. When you tie two pieces of string together, you make a . . . . .

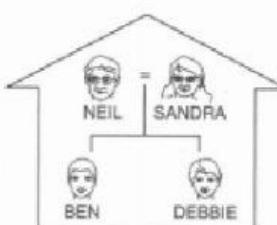
## II. TOPICAL VOCABULARY

### Exercise 1.

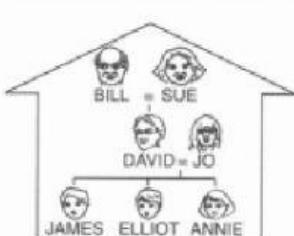
a). Match the words a-d with the family trees 1-4.

- a. an extended family
- b. a step-family
- c. a nuclear family
- d. one-parent/ single parent family

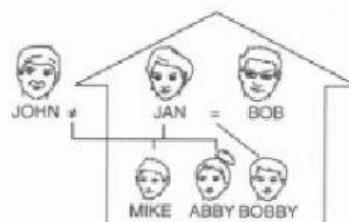
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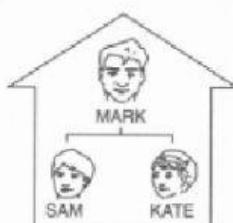
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1. \_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_

b). Choose the most suitable words/phrases in bold then fill in each blank.

*estranged*  
*broken*

*ex-wife*  
*confirmed*

*extended*  
*distant*

*dysfunctional*  
*close-knit*

*late*  
*nuclear*

I grew up in an (1)\_\_\_\_\_ family as my grandparents and a couple of aunts and an uncle, who was a (2)\_\_\_\_\_ bachelor, lived with us. We saw a lot of out (3)\_\_\_\_\_ relatives as well as our close ones. I think that families tended to be much more (4)\_\_\_\_\_ then – we talked to each other more and did things together more.

I'm sure there are far more (5)\_\_\_\_\_ families now than there used to be – you know, where parents hardly spend time with their children, or with each other – and a lot of parents who are divorced. My (6)\_\_\_\_\_ wife, who died two years ago, used to say that it is not fair on children to let them grow up in (7)\_\_\_\_\_ homes.

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**Exercise 2: Match sentences 1-12 with a second sentence A-M. Use the key words and phrases in bold to help.**

1. Mr & Mrs White are very **authoritarian** parents.
2. Mrs Bowles is considered to be too **lenient**.
3. Mr & Mrs Harris lead **separate** lives.
4. Billy is a **well-adjusted** kid.
5. The Mannings are not very **responsible** parents.
6. My parents are separated.
7. Parents must look after their children, they shouldn't be **over-protective**.
8. Professor John has made a study of the **cognitive processes** of young children.
9. I'm afraid my youngest child is **running wild**.
10. She looks quite different from her **siblings**.
11. There are several **different and distinct stages of development** in a child's life.
12. Tom was raised by a **foster family** when his parents passed away.

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**Exercise 3: Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space.**

**BECOMING A PARENT**

Very little in our lives prepares us for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (PARENT). Suddenly, your life is turned upside down and all sorts of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (FAMILIAR) demands are placed on you. How we ourselves were treated by our parents in our (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (YOUNG) can have an (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (APPRECIATE) effect on who we become as parents. Our own (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (OBSERVE) of how our parents responded to us creates a model of parenting that is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (INTIMATE) connected to the kind of parents we become. It's not uncommon for people to show the same child rearing (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (CHARACTER) as their own parents. If your father was an (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (SYMPATHY) figure who always seemed too busy to care about how you felt, then there's a chance you will repeat the same behavior. If your mother was utterly (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (SELF) in her devotion to her children, there's a chance that you too will be equally giving and do all that is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (HUMAN) possible for your offspring.

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