

A. Complete the word families.

Abstract nouns	Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives
adoption		adopt	<i>adoptive</i> / adopted
			ancestral
ethnicity			
	genes		
			hereditary

B. Match the words in the box to the definitions.

adoptive ancestor ancestry ethnic ethnicity
genealogy genetic heritage inherit

- 1 a person related to you who lived a long time ago _____
- 2 belonging to or relating to genes _____
- 3 the history and traditions of a particular group _____
- 4 a person's family going back generations _____
- 5 get from a parent _____
- 6 related to a group of people with common origins _____
- 7 the study of tracing a family tree back in time _____
- 8 the group of people you identify with biologically _____
- 9 taking in and accepting as family _____

C. Write the correct form of the word in parentheses (). Use the chart in A to help you.

We were greeted at the door of the grand old house by an older gentleman. He was well dressed and friendly but walked with some difficulty. He invited us in and gave us a brief tour, sharing stories of his famous family as we looked at the many generations of portraits hanging on the walls. He was deeply proud of his

1 _____ (ancestor) home and clearly enjoyed showing it off.

A young man joined us, and the gentleman introduced him as his son. The son looked very different from his father. In fact, the 2 _____ (heritage) qualities so obvious in the older man's face were nowhere in the son's. We must have been noticeably surprised because the two smiled and explained that the young man was

3 _____ (adopt) from another country, far away.

"He's lucky," the gentleman said. "He'll 4 _____ (heritage) this house, but not my bad knees!"