

1 Family Ties

Vocabulary

A Match the definitions with the members of the family.

- 1 Your mum's mother.
- 2 Your brother's or sister's daughter.
- 3 Your uncle's and aunt's children.
- 4 Your brother or sister's son.
- 5 Your mother's sister.
- 6 Your father's wife if he marries again.

- a aunt
- b niece
- c step-mother
- d grandmother
- e nephew
- f cousins

B Complete the sentences using two of the words in each group.

1 height slim tall

Peter has always been very _____; he was 1.98m when he was 14 years-old! He's also quite _____ even though he eats a lot.

2 weigh overweight build

Annabel and Claire have got the same _____. They aren't very tall and they're both a bit _____.

3 beard blonde straight

I love your son's curly _____ hair. Mine is very _____ and dark.

4 elderly middle-aged young

Sunday was boring! We spent it with our _____ grandparents and our parents.

5 hard-working jealous generous

My aunt is a very _____ person. She gives money to people in need. She's also very _____ and spends lots of time helping at the care centre.

6 relax honest nervous

My cousin Jack is very _____. He needs to do more exercise to help him _____.

7 unkind easy-going scruffy

Granddad is very _____ and fun-loving, and he always dresses in _____ clothes.

8 lazy clever reliable

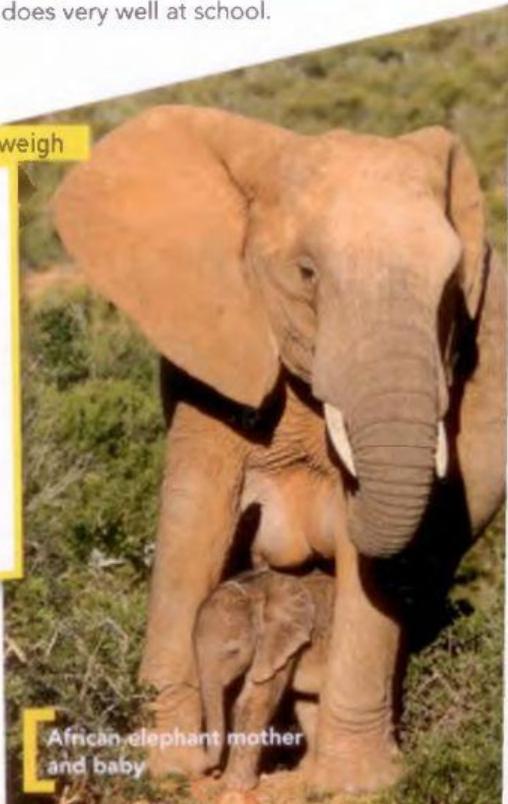
Jack isn't very _____. If you ask him to do something he forgets. He's very _____ though and does very well at school.

C Complete the text with these words.

young kind easy-going height elderly hard-working nervous weigh

Elephants: animals of higher intelligence

Elephants are interesting animals because they are very sociable and family is important to them. They can grow to a (1) _____ of over 3 metres and usually (2) _____ about 3,800 kilos. Normally they are quite relaxed and (3) _____ animals, but sometimes they can get (4) _____ when they are looking after (5) _____ elephants. They are also quite clever and (6) _____, and slow down and help feed (7) _____ or ill members of the family group. These qualities and the fact that they are so strong and (8) _____ is why people want to protect them and the land they live on for the future.



African elephant mother and baby

Ideas Focus

- Is family important to you? Why / Why not?
- Do you think young people can learn things from elderly members of their family? Why? / Why not?