

# 1 Family Ties

## Vocabulary

### A Match the definitions with the members of the family.

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| 1 Your mum's mother.                      | a aunt        |
| 2 Your brother's or sister's daughter.    | b niece       |
| 3 Your uncle's and aunt's children.       | c step-mother |
| 4 Your brother or sister's son.           | d grandmother |
| 5 Your mother's sister.                   | e nephew      |
| 6 Your father's wife if he marries again. | f cousins     |

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

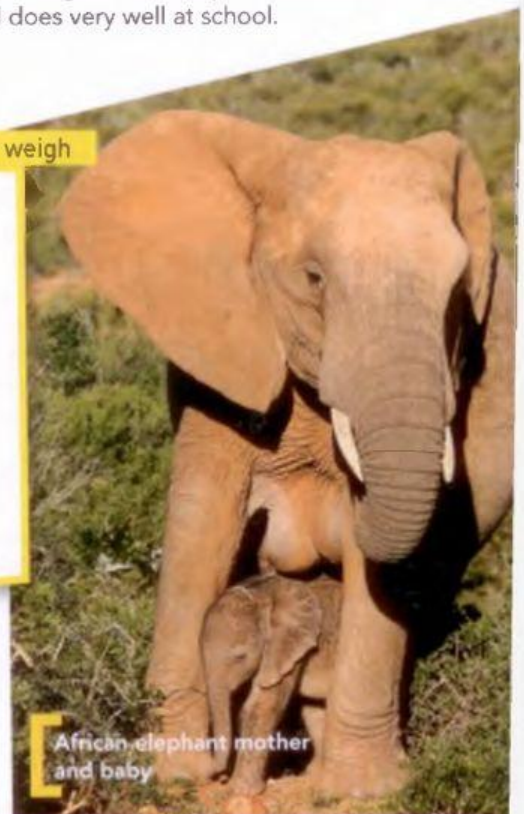
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| 1 <b>height slim tall</b><br>Peter has always been very _____; he was 1.98m when he was 14 years-old! He's also quite _____ even though he eats a lot. | 5 <b>hard-working jealous generous</b><br>My aunt is a very _____ person. She gives money to people in need. She's also very _____ and spends lots of time helping at the care centre. |
| 2 <b>weigh overweight build</b><br>Annabel and Claire have got the same _____. They aren't very tall and they're both a bit _____.                     | 6 <b>relax honest nervous</b><br>My cousin Jack is very _____. He needs to do more exercise to help him _____.   |
| 3 <b>beard blonde straight</b><br>I love your son's curly _____ hair. Mine is very _____ and dark.   | 7 <b>unkind easy-going scruffy</b><br>Granddad is very _____ and fun-loving, and he always dresses in _____ clothes.   |
| 4 <b>elderly middle-aged young</b><br>Sunday was boring! We spent it with our _____ grandparents and our _____ parents.                                | 8 <b>lazy clever reliable</b><br>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?