

First Reading Activity



Families and Their Possessions

All over the world, there are families, big and small, with different things in their homes. Their family members, furniture, and possessions are unique to each family. Here are two examples of families and their possessions.

China: The Wu Family

There are nine people in this house. The father is Wu Ba Jiu. He is 59 years old. The mother is Guo Yu Xian. She is 57 years old. They have two sons. Their sons are married. Wu Ba Jiu and Guo Yu Xian are grandparents. They have three young grandchildren. The house has three bedrooms. The family doesn't have a telephone, but they have two radios and a TV. The TV is the family's favorite object.

Japan: The Ukita Family

The mother in this family is Sayo. She is 43 years old. Her husband's name is Kazuo. He is 45 years old. They have two daughters. One is nine years old. The other is in kindergarten. Their house is in Tokyo. It is small. The family has a lot of clothes, shoes, and toys for the children. Their house is modern. They have a refrigerator, a TV, a washing machine, and a dryer. They also have a dog. Their favorite object is a special ring.

B Read the text. Check (✓) the correct family in the table.

	The Wu family	The Ukita family
1. Who has two sons?		
2. Who has young children?		
3. Who has 3 bedrooms?		
4. Who has a refrigerator?		
5. Who has a TV?		
6. Who has a dog?		

C Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

1. Is the Wu family from Japan? _____
2. Is Sayo 43 years old? _____
3. Does the Wu family have a telephone in their house? _____
4. What is the Wu family's favorite object? _____
5. Is the Ukita family's house big? _____
6. What is the Ukita family's favorite object? _____

D Answer these questions about your family and your house. Write complete sentences.

1. How is your family home similar to the Ukita family's home?

2. How is your family home different to the Wu's family home?

3. How many bedrooms does your house or apartment have?

4. Do you have a refrigerator?

5. Do you have a TV?

6. Do you have a washing machine and a dryer?

7. Do you have a radio?

