A VERY BIG FAMILY!

Have you got a brother or a sister? How many have you got? One? Two? Maybe more?

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Damien Baxter is very lucky. He's got fourteen brothers and sisters!

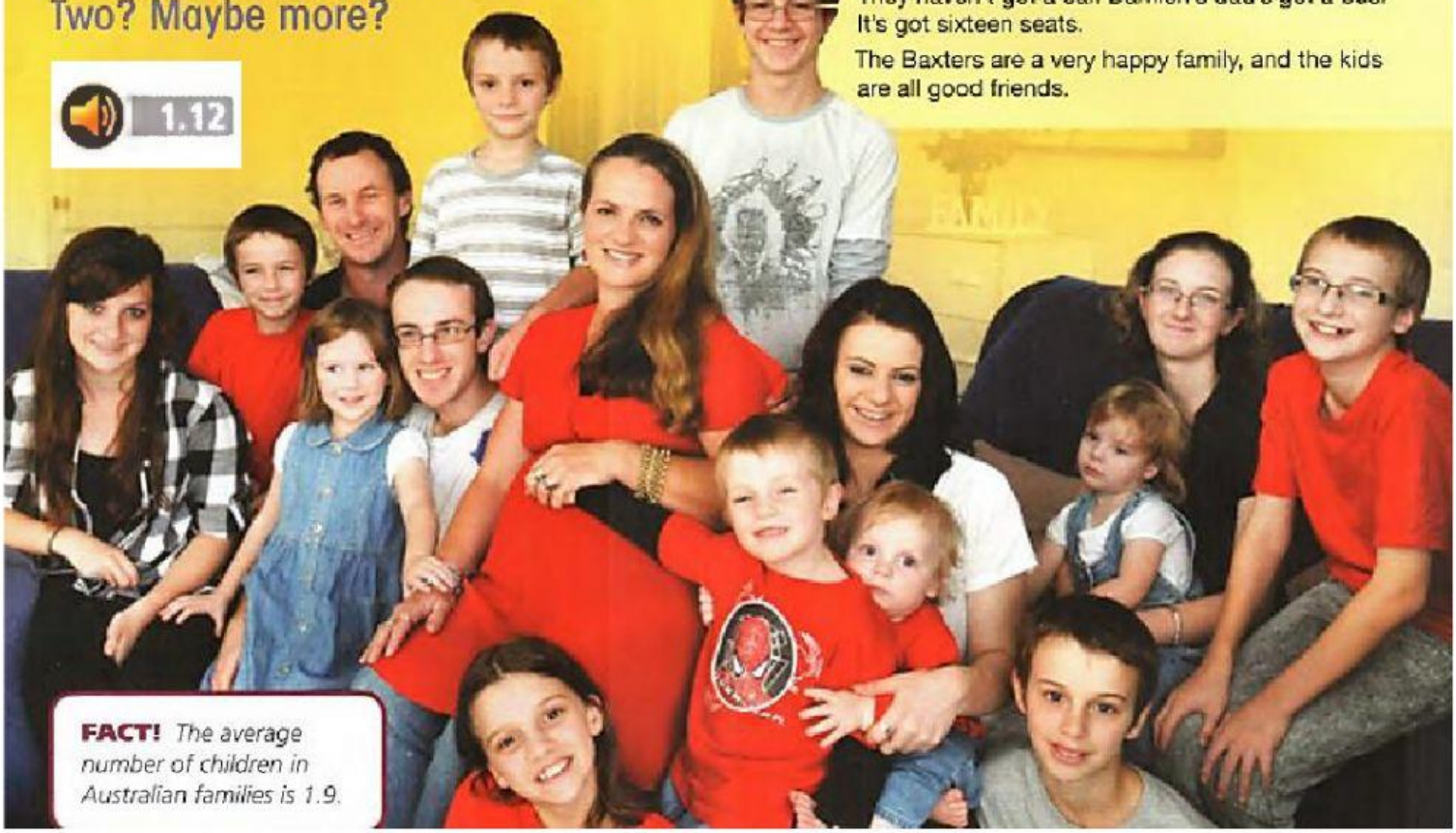
The family lives in a big house in Western Australia. The house has got seven bedrooms, and lots of beds. It isn't a quiet house. It's a very noisy house with lots of children in it.

Three of Damien's brothers and sisters are adults. They've got children too. Damien is a baby, but he's an uncle to those children!

The Baxter family is very busy. There's lots of work to do in the Baxter house. When a child is eight years old, they help with the work. Damien is only three months old, so he hasn't got jobs to do yet.

They haven't got a car. Damien's dad's got a bus! It's got sixteen seats.

The Baxters are a very happy family, and the kids are all good friends.



FACT! *The average number of children in Australian families is 1.9.*

Is it a happy family? **yes** **no**

Read the text again. Are the sentences true (*T*) or false (*F*)? Correct the false ones.

1 Damien is not a baby. *F*
2 There are fifteen boys in the family. *T F*
3 Three of his brothers and sisters aren't children. *T F*
4 Damien's house is very quiet. *T F*
5 The children aren't very good friends. *T F*

Explore adjectives

Find the opposites of these adjectives in the text.

1 unlucky *lucky*
2 small
3 quiet
4 unhappy
5 bad

Language focus 1 *have got*

Complete the examples from the text

	I / We / You / They	He / She / It
+	They .... fifteen children.	The house **has got** seven bedrooms.
–	They haven't got a car.	Damien .... jobs to do.
?	Have you got a brother or a sister?	**Has** he **got** a house?
+	Yes, I have.	Yes, he **has**.
–	No, I haven't.	No, he .... .

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