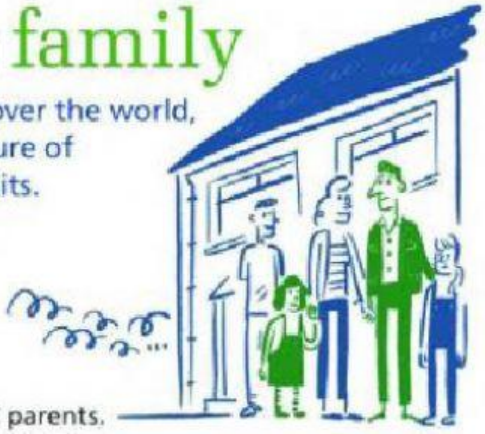
Future forms

a Read the article about modern British family life. Listen and complete the gaps with the numbers from the list.

2 10% 14% 17% 30 32 40% 45%

The modern family

Family life is changing all over the world, and it's not just the structure of the family, but also its habits. A recent survey of British family life showed some surprising statistics.



Family structure

60% of families have married parents.



22% are single-parent families. Only [1]_____ of the single parents are men.



[2]_____ of families have **one** child, [3]_____ have **two**, and **15%** have three or more.

11% of families have stepchildren.

On average **women** get married at [4]_____, and **men** at [5]_____.



Family habits



20% of families only eat together once or twice a week, and [6]_____ never eat at the same time.

They visit friends or extended family **twice** a month.

[7]_____ of people have family members who they **never speak to** or contact.



75% of people are happiest with their families, and **17%** with their friends.

The average family has [8]_____ **rows** each day, and the most common cause is children or teenagers refusing to put down their phones or tablets.



b Listen to three conversations between different family members. Match them to cartoons A–C. What are the people talking about?







c Listen again and complete two sentences from each conversation.

1 a I'm not _____ to university.
  b _____ you a cup of tea?
2 c I _____ the night there.
  d It _____ cold tonight.
3 e You _____ too fast.
  f I _____ really careful.

d Decide which sentence (a–f) is...

- an offer
- a plan or intention
- a prediction
- an arrangement
- a promise

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e Answer the questions



Is anyone in your family...?

- getting married in the near future
- travelling abroad this month
- having a baby this year
- celebrating their birthday soon

Are you going to...?

- do something with a family member this week
- have a big family get-together soon
- go on holiday with your family this year
- visit a relative this weekend

Do you think...?

- more couples will have just one child in the future
- more young adults will live with their parents in the future
- anyone in your family will live to be 90 or older
- you'll move away from (or back to) the area where your family live

f Complete the conversations with the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.



A *Are* _____ you *going away* _____ this weekend? (go away)
B No, we _____ here. Why? (stay)
A We _____ a barbecue. Would you like to come? (have)

A I'm too tired to cook. _____ we _____ a Chinese takeaway? (order)
B Good idea. I _____ the restaurant. What do you want for your starter? (call)
A I _____ spring rolls, please. (have)





A What time _____ you _____ in the morning? (leave)
B I _____ the six o'clock train. (get)
A I _____ you a lift to the station, then. (give)





A What _____ you _____ tonight? (do)
B I _____ to the cinema with some friends. (go)
A What film _____ you _____? (see)
B The new *Star Wars* film.
A Oh, I've seen it. You _____ it! (love)

A _____ I _____ you do the washing-up? (help)
B OK. I _____ and you can dry. But please be careful with the glasses. (wash)
A Don't worry. I _____ anything! (not break)



g Answer the questions. Use the correct future forms.

1 What are you going to do after the class?
First, I'm going to go shopping.
Then, I'm going to go home and make dinner.

2 What do you think the weather will be like tomorrow?
In the morning, it _____.
In the afternoon, I think it _____.

3 What are you doing this weekend?
I _____.

4 What are your plans for next summer?
I _____.

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