

## IN THE FAMILY

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### 1/ Family Members

Look at the family tree. Complete it with the following words.

aunt

great grandfather

cousins

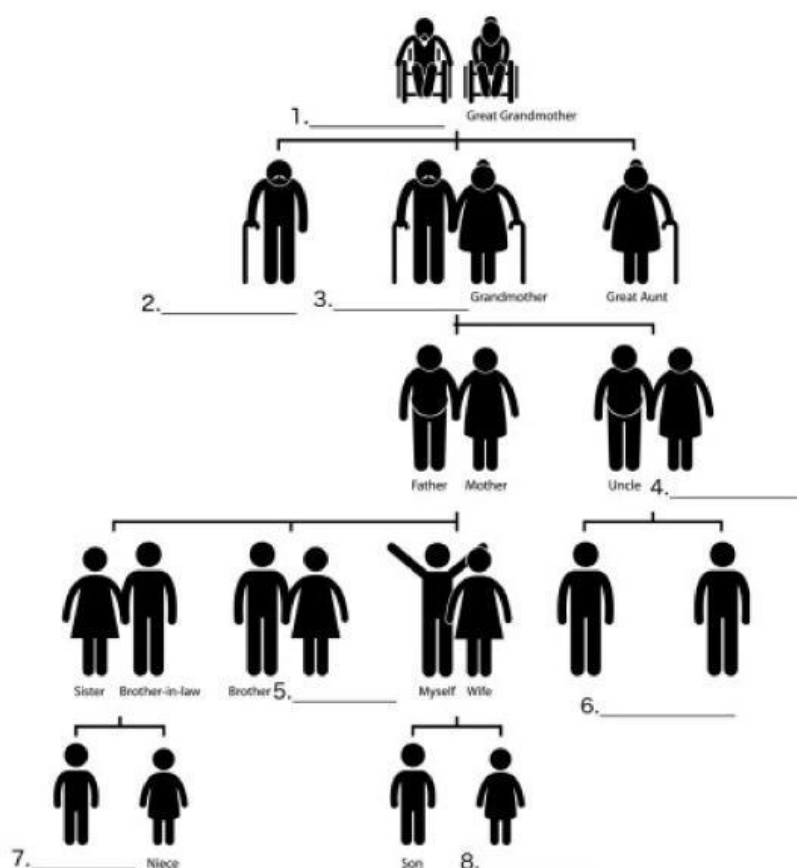
great uncle

daughter

nephew

grandfather

sister-in-law



Complete the sentences:

1. Your mother's sister is your ....
2. Your father's father is your ....
3. Your sister's daughter is your ....
4. Your uncle's son is your ....
5. Your brother's son is your ....
6. Your grandfather's father is your ....
7. Your mother's brother is your ....
8. Your husband's/wife's mother is your ....
9. Your husband's/wife's father is your ....
10. Your grandfather's brother is your ...

## 2/ Relationship status

Complete the sentences below.

divorced

engaged

married

separated

single

1. Luke is \_\_\_\_\_ – he doesn't have a girlfriend.
2. Mark is \_\_\_\_\_ – his wife left him for his best friend.
3. Karen is \_\_\_\_\_ – she is going to have a big wedding in June.
4. William is \_\_\_\_\_ – he's been with his wife for 10 years.
5. Paolo and Clara are \_\_\_\_\_ – they are still husband and wife, but they don't live together anymore.

## 3/ Document 1 - Listening comprehension

Study shows there are 2 divorce seasons  
Breakingnewsenglish.com  
26/08/2016

### True / False

- a) Researchers say divorce season is March and August every year. T / F
- b) Researchers looked at all the divorces in the USA between 2001 and 2015. T / F
- c) There were nearly 25,000 divorces in Washington state in 2014. T / F
- d) Summer holidays could be a reason that many couples get divorced. T / F
- e) A researcher said holidays can leave couples feeling down. T / F
- f) The researcher said people have low expectations of holidays. T / F
- g) The researcher said holidays do not represent anything new. T / F
- h) The researcher said holidays usually fire up lost romances. T / F

## 4/ Document 2 - Reading Comprehension

### Wedding contracts

#### The story of wedding agreements

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
"Wedding contract" is a term that most people see as negative and thoughts of agreements between super famous celebrities or millionaire-related money problems but it doesn't always have to be this way. For example, why not have a little pizza in there?

B. \_\_\_\_\_  
The wedding contract of an Indian couple gained attention recently as it included quite an unusual point about a well-know Italian meal. Surprisingly, right at the top of the contract, the words, "Only one pizza a month" were written. The reason being that the bride is described by her friends as being a "pizza freak" and that she should not be allowed to eat too much pizza while she is married. The contract itself was created by the couple's friends as a joke, but it makes you wonder if there any other quirky wedding contracts out there.

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
Another couple become popular online when the bride uploaded a video of a list of rules that she felt her husband should follow. The contract included points related to the number of times he should say "I love you", the fact he should never tell her what happens in TV shows and that he should never eat her favourite meal without her.

D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sometimes, wedding contracts can have a more serious side. In a recent TikTok video a woman showed a document that stated should her husband cheat on her during their marriage then he would have to pay her bills. The video seemed to

upset many people online who thought the idea of something like this was shocking, due to this a follow up video was made by the bride. In the video, she said that it was her future husband who had suggested the idea and it was all done as a joke.

E. \_\_\_\_\_  
Now some may see the humour in the stories above, but others may see the idea of a wedding contract as a little aggressive, which moves us onto the more serious idea of a "prenuptial agreement".

F. \_\_\_\_\_  
Often called "prenups" these money-related agreements have become common in Hollywood. Often due to high rates of divorce between the rich and famous, these couples want to protect their huge fortunes.

G. \_\_\_\_\_  
The most recent prenap to gain media attention was the arrangement between a footballer's son, Brooklyn Beckham and model/actor, Nicola Peltz. The pair were said to have signed a contract to protect the Beckham family's wealth of around £380 million and Peltz' unbelievable riches of £1.3 billion, the majority of which would be inherited.

H. \_\_\_\_\_  
It does seem that wedding contracts and prenups are here to stay and it is an issue that seems to divide many. On one side there is the argument that it is unromantic, while on the other people think it is a sensible thing to do as nobody can predict the future.

Sources: [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com); [buzzfeed.com](https://www.buzzfeed.com); [independent.co.uk](https://www.independent.co.uk); [freepressjournal.in](https://www.freepressjournal.in); [Wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org)

## General Comprehension

Read the following statements and decide if they are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG).

1. The mention of pizza was the third point on the contract. \_\_\_\_\_
2. In the second example the husband is not allowed to mention the storyline of some TV programmes. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The video posted on Tiktok made many people angry. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The contract from the Tiktok video was created by the bride. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Prenups are mostly to do with money. \_\_\_\_\_
6. 50% of married Hollywood celebrities have a prenup. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Nicola Peltz's made all her own money. \_\_\_\_\_

Read the following paragraph titles for the article on page four. Match them to the correct paragraph. One is not needed.

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Celebrity contracts | 2. Wife's rules       | 3. Italian agreement  |
| 4. A family's money    | 5. Life is a lottery  | 6. Pay my bills       |
| 7. Funny or not funny  | 8. A two-sided debate | 9. A negative meaning |

## Vocabulary

Part A: Match the following vocabulary to the definitions.

cheat (v)

follow up (phr. v)

inherit (v)

rate (n)

quirky (adj.)

wealth (n)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ describe something or someone as being a little strange, used in a positive way
2. \_\_\_\_\_ have a secret relationship when you are already involved in another one
3. \_\_\_\_\_ add to something that you have just done
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the ratio between the number of something happening with the overall population e.g. divorce rates, marriage rates
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a big amount of money that an individual, country owns
6. \_\_\_\_\_ get money or property from someone when they die

#### Note

a **prenuptial agreement** (n): a contract made by a couple before they get married deciding on how they would divide money/ property should they get divorced

**Part B: Put the vocabulary from Part A into the correct gaps in the following sentences. You may need to change the form of the word.**

1. The coffee shop was so \_\_\_\_\_ and cute, and it had little toys all over the place.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ her grandmother's expensive townhouse, but her sister got nothing.
3. Crime \_\_\_\_\_ in certain parts of the city have started to go up.
4. Right after I talked to my client on the phone, I sent him a \_\_\_\_\_ email to confirm our next appointment.
5. The family had a huge \_\_\_\_\_ because their grandparents discovered oil on their property.
6. I used to think that Gary was such a nice guy, so I was shocked when I heard he \_\_\_\_\_ on his wife.

### 5/ Document 3 - Reading Comprehension

#### **Unmarried Household is the Norm** Written by Chris Cotter

For the first time in US history, traditional marriage isn't the preferred living choice in most houses. Recent data shows that 50.2 percent of American families weren't married. That figure, 56.8 million, is a large decrease from six years ago. At that time, married couples made up 52 percent of the 105.5 million households.

Single women **headed** more than 14 million households, while single men ran another 5 million. There was a large number of "non-family households," which means unmarried, gay or heterosexual couples living together.

The change could mean **significant** changes in every part of American life in the future. For example, there could be changes in family law or national politics. In the short term, however, it shows the failed efforts of conservatives, **despite** their focus on traditional marriages and families.

Douglas Beshavor, a sociologist with the American Enterprise Institute, **suggested** that short-term relationships and unmarried couples who live together would be more common for years to come. As a result, people will find themselves more alone than ever before. Both parents will work, so there will be fewer **siblings**, cousins, aunts, and uncles. America will move towards a society even more **focused** on the individual.

"Change is in the air," Beshavor said. But will it be positive or negative?

## Vocabulary

1. to head
2. significant
3. despite
4. to suggest
5. siblings
6. to focus

- A. suggérer
- B. malgré
- C. frères et sœurs
- D. diriger
- E. se concentrer
- F. Important

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## **In your opinion...**

1. Why do you think less people are getting married in America? Do you think marriage rates all over the world will eventually go down? Why/not?

2. What do you think will happen if there are more unmarried people?

3. Would you recommend to young people nowadays to live together before marriage?

**Write an organised account (synthèse) in English (50 words minimum)**