

Speaking skills practice: Talking about your family – exercises

Sam wants to play Game of Kings. But Jack is more interested in Sam's family.

Do the preparation exercise first. Then watch the video and follow the instructions to practise your speaking.

Preparation

Write the words in the correct group.

sister	mum	uncle	brother	half-sister
grandad	aunt	grandma	dad	half-brother
Girls / women			Boys / men	

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

- Jack is surprised because ...
 - you can't buy Game of Kings there yet.
 - he doesn't like Game of Kings.
 - Game of Kings is expensive.
- Sam got the game from ...
 - his brother Charlie.
 - his half-brother Rob.
 - his dad.
- Rob and Sam have the same ...
 - mum.
 - dad.
 - mum and dad.
- Sam has ...
 - never met his half-brother.
 - met his half-brother twice.
 - met his half-brother three times.
- Rob's mum is ...
 - in Mexico now.
 - married to someone else.
 - not very nice.
- Sam's mum is ...
 - divorced.
 - fine about the situation.
 - older than Sam's dad.

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box.

to someone else	really nice	he met my mum	sent it to me.
been to visit him twice.		married an American	
was divorced	half-brother	on Skype a lot	older than me
you want to play?		I was really little	

Jack: Hi Sam. How's it going?

Sam: Good. How are you?

Jack: Fine, thanks. Hey, is that the new version of Game of Kings?

Sam: Yeah, do ¹ _____ It's great!

Jack: Oh! You can't buy that here! Where did you get it?

Sam: From my brother. He ² _____

Jack: What? Charlie?

Sam: No, my other brother, Rob. ... Well, he's my ³ _____.

Jack: But ... I don't get it ...

Sam: He's my dad's son. My dad went to New York to study and ⁴ _____.

Jack: Your mum's American?!

Sam: No, no, not my mum ... before ⁵ _____.

Jack: Ah, OK, I get it now. Wow, I didn't know that! So, how old is your half-brother?

Sam: Er, he's five years ⁶ _____, so he's twenty-three.

Jack: Cool. And do you see him often?

Sam: Not very often. I've ⁷ _____ Well, three times, but the first time I don't remember because ⁸ _____. But we speak ⁹ _____.

Jack: And have you met Rob's mum?

Sam: Yeah. She's ¹⁰ _____. She's from Mexico originally. She's married ¹¹ _____ now.

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- Jack: And what does your mum think?
- Sam: Er, she's fine about it! She knew my dad ¹² _____ and had a son.
- Jack: Huh ... OK.
- Sam: OK, enough questions. Do you want to play Game of Kings or what?
- Jack: Yeah, cool.

3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Write one word to fill the gaps.

1. _____ you want to play this game?
2. My cousin gave it _____ me.
3. It's been years since I saw them. We went to visit them, but that was ages _____.
4. My sister is four years older _____ me.
5. She _____ 19 years old.
6. We speak _____ Skype a lot.
7. My grandma is _____ Pakistan originally.
8. My brother is married _____ a Polish woman.
9. I've been _____ the States twice.
10. The first time I went I _____ really little, so I don't remember much.

Discussion

What is your family like?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.