

ADVANCED UNIT 1

1 **OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Whose family do you identify with most?

2 Read Andrea's introduction. Then watch the video from 0:00 to 0:27 and underline the correct alternatives.

Hi. My name is Andrea. I ¹live/am living and work in London ²but/though most of my family live in Brazil. I get on well ³to/with my sister when I ⁴ll see/see her but that's only ⁵once/twice a year. Do you ⁶pass/spend much time with your family?



3 *Do you spend much time with your family?* Look at the people in the pictures and read extracts from their answers. Then watch the video from 0:27 to 1:16 and match the people to their answers.



A Nick

1 I try to, yeah. I try and spend as much time as possible. C



B Dianne

2 Spend quite a bit of time with my family. Obviously, less now since I left home and left university. —



C Tomas

3 I don't, no. We're geographically quite spread out. —



D Tim

4 Yeah, I do. I go to school in Toronto and they live there and I see them on weekends and whenever I can really. —



E Robin

5 Probably not as much as I could because the kids are busy, and, er, I don't have any parents any more. And my husband's family live a fair way away, so probably not as much as we'd like to. —

Glossary: *a fair way away* = quite a long way from where the speaker is
geographically spread out = (living) in different places all over the country/world

4 Have they inherited any family characteristics? Look at the people in Exercise 2 again and read their paraphrased answers below. Then watch the video from 1:16 to 2:55. Write true (T) or false (F) next to each answer.

1 **Nick:** People often say he looks and sounds like his mum, though he doesn't understand why. F

2 **Dianne:** She might have inherited some good things from her family, like a fairly good personality and being fun to be around.

3 **Robin:** She doesn't take things as seriously as her family, or value spending time with them.

4 **Tim:** He's physically quite slender and short like his dad, though he has a very different personality.

5 **Tomas:** He's bubbly and chatty like his mum but is more like his dad when he's in a bad mood.

Glossary: *bubbly* = very lively
slender = slim

5A Do you know much about your family history? Watch the video from 2:57 to 4:23 and number the countries they mention in the order you hear them, 1–10.

Scotland

Canada

Ireland

Spain

France

Argentina

Scotland

Liberia

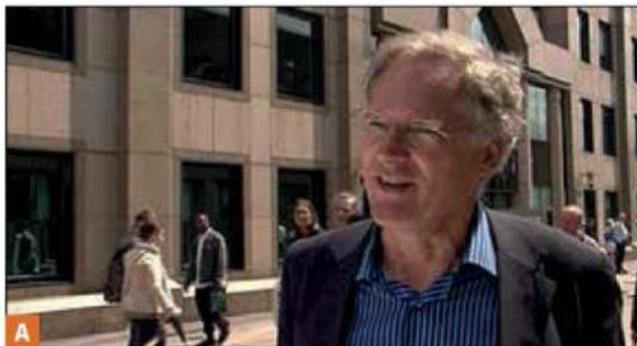
Barbados

Zimbabwe

5B Read sentences 1–3 and watch the video from 2:57 to 4:23 again. Tick the sentence which best summarises what the people say.

1 In general, they know a reasonable amount about their family histories.
2 On the whole, they wish they knew more about their family histories.
3 Most of the speakers only knew about the first and second generations in their family histories.

6 Does your family history play a part in your sense of who you are? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 4:23 to 5:20 and underline the words you hear.



Andrew

Yes, very much so. And part of that is that I was brought up in Latin America, speaking Spanish to my friends and English to my parents. So, in ¹*g/some* sense, I was brought up 'between two ²*countries/cultures*' and that, at the end, is part of who I am.



Maureen

Definitely, because family is a big part of ³*me/myself um*, and, we just try to keep those connections ⁴*up/going*.



Nick

I ⁵*guess/suppose* it's a difficult balance in my head to see what's, how much is me and how much is my family. And knowing about my family ⁶*origins/history* and knowing what I have inherited, which I'm sure there's lots and lots of habits that I ⁷*must/might* have inherited, but I feel a lot of it's 'me' but it probably isn't.



Tim

Er, no, not really at all. Erm, I left home when I was about sixteen or seventeen so I think my sense of ⁸*identity/who I am* has been very much formed by my own ⁹*belief/believe* systems and my own lifestyle rather than being particularly ¹⁰*focussed on/keyed into* anything to do with my parents or my grandparents.

7 **THE WAY WE SPEAK:** Watch the video of Tomas from 2:24 to 2:44 and notice how he uses *kind of*. Then watch again and write *kind of* in spaces 1–10 where you hear it.



Yeah, definitely. I think,¹ _____ from my mum I've got the² _____ bubbliness and chattiness – she's³ _____ very much like that. And, er,
⁴ _____ most of the time I'm like that, but then when I'm in a
⁵ _____ bad mood I get the dad side. And that's er, he's⁶ _____, my mum used to call him 'a volcano' because he⁷ _____ just 'erupts'. He's
really⁸ _____ peaceful most of the time but then when you really make him
⁹ _____ angry he'll erupt and that's¹⁰ _____ how it is with me.

Glossary: *kind of* = informal spoken English: often used when describing things in a vague way, usually with very little extra meaning

8 PERSONALISATION: Write a paragraph about your family using Andrea's questions and language from the video to help.

- How much time do you spend with your family?
- Have you inherited any family characteristics?
- How much do you know about your family history?
- Does your family history play a part in your sense of who you are?