



# Family

## Common questions

**Part 1** - How many people are there in your immediate family?

**Part 1** - How much time do you spend with your family?

**Part 1** - How often do you have family get-togethers?

**Part 2** - Describe a family member who you get on well with.

**Part 3** - Is family important in your country?

**Part 3** - Is it better to grow up in a small family or a large extended family?

## Vocabulary and expressions

**Immediate family (n)** - your closest relations, such as your parents, children, husband, or wife

*I have three people in my immediate family: a sister, mother, and father.*

**Extended family (n)** - a family unit that includes grandmothers, aunts, and uncles, etc.

*I love to have big get-togethers with my extended family.*

**Sibling rivalry (n)** - competition and arguments among brothers and sisters.

*My sister and I had a serious sibling rivalry when we were young.*

**Close-knit (adj)** - involving groups of people in which everyone supports each other.

*I would say we are a close-knit family.*

**Spitting image (n)** - to look extremely similar to someone.

*I am the spitting image of my father.*

**Dysfunctional (adj)** - not behaving or working normally.

*There are plenty of dysfunctional families nowadays.*

**Ancestor (n)** - a person related to you who lived a long time ago.

*I don't know much about my ancestors.*

**Upbringing (n)** - the way in which someone is treated and trained as a child.

*I had a very stable upbringing.*

**Breadwinner (n)** - the member of a family who earns the money that the family needs.

*My father was the breadwinner of our family.*

**Take after (pv)** - to be similar to an older member of your family in appearance or character.

*My sister takes after my mother in so many ways.*