

Family



☺ Dialogue

A. How many people are in your family?

B. As you know, China has a single child policy. Therefore, there's just my husband, my daughter and me. What about in your family?

A. I have one daughter and one son. Then there's my husband and me. What about your parents? Do they live with your family?

B. Not anymore. They live with my brother in law now. And how about yours?

A. My parents live by themselves now. When get older, they'll probably go to a retirement home. Do you just have one brother?

B. No, I have two older brothers and one younger sister. What about you?

A. I also grew up in a big family. I have one older brother and three younger sisters.

B. How long have you been married?

A. About seven years now. And you?

B. I've been married for about five years. What do you think about divorce?

A. It's becoming more and more common. However, I don't ever want to get divorced myself! What about you?

B. If my husband cheated on me or treated me badly, I would get a divorce.

A. If that happens, maybe you could marry my brother and we could become in-laws!

B. (ha-ha) I'll keep that in mind, but don't tell my husband!

A. Of course not!

☺ Useful expressions

1. How long have you been married?
2. I've been married for two years.
3. I've been married since 2002.
4. Do you have a good marriage?
5. I have an excellent marriage.
6. Do you get along with your in-laws?
7. I get along with my in-laws very well.
8. I have a very close family.

☺ **Vocabularies**

- Adopt -** Take into one's family
Example: "They adopted two children from Nicaragua"
- Anniversary -** The date on which an event occurred in some previous year (or the celebration of it)
Example: "We remembered the 30th anniversary of our parents"
- Widow -** A woman whose husband is dead especially one who has not remarried
Example: "The war widowed many women in the former Yugoslavia"
- Nephew -** A son of your brother or sister
Example: "my nephew looks like my cousin"

☺ **Phrases**

- ◇ Extended family
- ◇ Family reunion
- ◇ Family tree
- ◇ Get-together
- ◇ Nuclear family
- ◇ Single-child policy
- ◇ Single-parent