



FAMILY

Discussion

Basic questions

1 Do you have a big or small family?

**I have a... family.*

2 Do you have any siblings?

**Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*

3 Do you live with any of your grandparents?

**Yes, I Do. / No, I don't.*

4 Do you have many relatives?

**Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*

5 Do you look more like your mother or your father?

**I look more like my...*

6 Do all members in your family often have dinner together?

**Yes, we often have dinner together. / No, we don't often...*

Extended questions

1 Do you spend much time with your family?

**Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*

2 Do you get along well with your family members?

**Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*

3 What do you and your family like to do together?

**We like to.... together.*

4 Have you ever argued with your parents?

**Yes, I have. / No, I've never argued with them.*

5 Do you often take your parent's advice?

**Yes, I often take... / No, I don't.*

Vocabulary

- 1 **sibling /'sibliŋ/**
[noun] a brother or sister
Ex. I have four siblings, three brothers and a sister.
- 2 **relative /'relətɪv/**
[noun] a person who is in the same family as somebody else
Ex. All her close & distant relatives came to the wedding.
- 3 **grandparent /'græŋ,peərənt/**
[noun] the father or mother of a person's father or mother
Ex. The children are staying with their grandparents.
- 4 **cousin /'kʌzn/**
[noun] a child of a person's aunt or uncle
Ex. I often visit my cousin's house at weekends.
- 5 **twin /twin/**
[noun] one of two children born at the same time to the same mother
Ex. My twin is taller than me.
[adj] used to describe one of a pair of children who are twins
Ex. That's her twin sister.
- 6 **in-law /'ɪnlɔː/**
[noun] a parent of your husband or wife or a member of his or her family
(also: mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, etc.)
Ex. He's spending the holiday with his in-laws.

Idioms / Useful Expressions

1 nuclear family: The nuclear family consists of only the parents and their children.

2 extended family: The extended family is formed by parents, children, uncles and aunts, grandparents, etc.

3 a family man : a man who likes to spend a lot of time with his wife and children

Ex. Jack is a family man. He always comes home early and helps his wife cook dinner.

4 Home is where the heart is : it means your true home is with the person or in the place that you love most

Ex. I've had a wonderful time in the US, but home is where the heart is, so I'd always like to go back to my home country.

5 black sheep of the family : the worst member of the family.

Ex. Mary is the black sheep of the family. She's always in trouble with the police.

6 to run in the family : *to appear in many (or all) members of a family*

Ex. My brothers and I have red hair. It runs in the family.

7 Like father, like son : father and son resemble each other, and son tends to do what his father did before him.

Ex. I think my son will grow up tall, just like his father. Like father, like son.