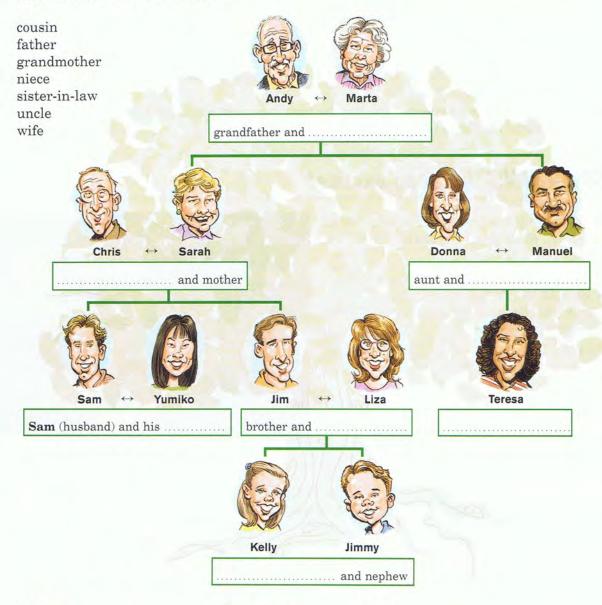
# 5 Tell me about your family.

# WORD POWER Family

A Look at Sam's family tree. How are these people related to him? Add these words to the family tree.



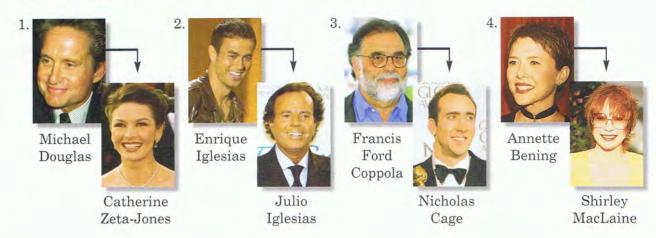
B Draw your family tree (or a friend's family tree). Then take turns talking about your families. Ask follow-up questions to get more information.

For a single person:
There are six people in my family.
I have two brothers and a sister.

For a married person:
There are four people in my family.
We have a son and a daughter.

# LISTENING How are they related?

Listen to four conversations about famous people. How are the people related?



# CONVERSATION Asking about families

#### A D Listen and practice.

Rita: Tell me about your brother and sister, Sue. Sue: Well, my sister works for the government.

Rita: Oh, what does she do?

Sue: I'm not sure. She's working on a very secret

project right now.

Rita: Wow! And what about your brother?

Sue: He's a wildlife photographer.

Rita: What an interesting family! Can I meet them?

Sue: Uh, no. My sister's away. She's not working

in the United States this month. Rita: And your brother?

Sue: He's traveling in the Amazon.

**B** Listen to the rest of the conversation. Where do Rita's parents live? What do they do?



# PRONUNCIATION Intonation in statements

A Delisten and practice. Notice that statements usually have falling intonation.

I'm working in Singapore.

She's waiting at the bus stop.

They're living at home.

**B** Pair work Practice the conversation in Exercise 3 again. Pay attention to the intonation in the statements.

#### Present continuous 🕒

Are you living at home now?

Is your sister working for the government?

Are Ed and Jill going to college this year?

Where are you working now?
What is your brother doing these days?
Who are your parents visiting this week?

Yes, I am. No, I'm not.

Yes, she is. No, she's not. / No, she isn't.
Yes, they are. No, they're not. / No, they aren't.

I'm not working. I need a job. He's traveling in the Amazon. They're visiting my grandmother.

A Complete these phone conversations using the present continuous.





- A: Hi, Stephanie. What ...... you ..... (do)?
- B: Hey, Mark. I ..... (stand) in an elevator, and it's stuck!
- A: Oh, no! Are you OK?
- B: Yeah. I wait! It ..... (move) now.
  Thank goodness!
- A: Marci, how ...... you and Justin ...... (enjoy) your shopping trip?
- B: We ..... (have) a lot of fun.
- A: ..... your brother ..... (spend) a lot of money?
- B: No, Mom. He ...... (buy) only one or two things. That's all!
- **B** Pair work Practice the phone conversations with a partner.

# **DISCUSSION** Is anyone . . . ?

**Group work** Ask your classmates about people in their family. What are they doing now? Ask follow-up questions to get more information.

- A: Is anyone in your family traveling right now?
- B: Yes, my dad is. He's in Korea.
- C: What's he doing there?

#### topics to ask about

traveling going to high school or college living abroad moving to a new home studying a foreign language

# INTERCHANGE 5 Family facts

Find out about your classmates' families. Go to Interchange 5.

# **8** SNAPSHOT

#### Typical Famili **Facts about the United States Facts about Your Country** · 41% of homes have three or \_\_\_\_ % of homes have three or more televisions. more televisions. 63% of families almost always % of families almost always eat dinner together. eat dinner together. · 55% of mothers with young % of mothers with young children work. children work. 78% of high school students % of high school students have jobs. have jobs. The working family 74% of adults between the ages \_ % of adults between the ages of 18-35 marry. of 18-35 marry. · 27% of adults between the ages \_\_\_\_ % of adults between the ages of 18-34 live with their parents. of 18-34 live with their parents.

Sources: Nielsen Media Research; Christian Science Monitor; Families and Work Institute; the U.S. Census Bureau

Which facts seem like positive things? Which seem negative? What are families like in your country? Write your guesses. Tell the class your guesses. Do they agree?

# ONVERSATION I come from a big family.

A D Listen and practice.

Marcos: How many brothers and sisters

do you have, Mei-li?

Mei-li: Actually, I'm an only child.

Marcos: Really?

Mei-li: Yeah, most families in China have

only one child nowadays.

Marcos: I didn't know that.

Mei-li: What about you, Marcos?

Marcos: I come from a big family. I have

three brothers and two sisters.

Mei-li: Wow! Is that typical in Peru?

Marcos: Not really. A lot of families are smaller these days. But big families are great

because you get lots of birthday presents!

**B** Listen to the rest of the conversation. What does Mei-li like about being an only child?



#### Quantifiers ()

100%	All Nearly all Most	families have only one child.
	Many A lot of Some	families are smaller these days.
	Not many A few Few	couples have more than one child.
0%	No one	gets married before the age of 18.



A Rewrite these sentences using quantifiers. Then compare with a partner.

- 1. In China, 50% of women get married by the age of 22.
- 2. In Australia, 87% of married couples have children.
- 3. In the United States, 0% of the people vote before the age of 18.
- 4. Thirty-five percent of the people in Germany live alone.
- 5. Seventy-eight percent of American high school students have jobs.



**B** Pair work Rewrite the sentences in part A so that they are true about your country.

# WRITING An e-mail about your family

A Write an e-mail to your e-pal about your family.



Dear Young Joon, Thanks for your e-mail. Now let me tell you about my family. My parents are coffee farmers. Most families here are small. I have one older sister, but I don't have a brother.

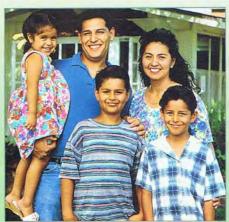
My sister's name . . .

B Group work Take turns reading your e-mails. Ask questions to get more information.

# The Changing Family

Read the title of the article. Then check (/) the question you think the article will answer.

Why do women work outside the home? What happens when both parents work?



A merican families are changing. One important change is that most married women now work outside the home. What happens when both parents work? Read about the Morales family.

Judy and Steve Morales have three children: Josh, 12; Ben, 9; and Emily, 6. Steve is a computer programmer. This year, Judy is working again as a hospital administrator. The family needs the money, and Judy likes her job. Everything is going well, but there are also some problems.



Now that Judy is working, Steve has to help her more with the housework. He doesn't enjoy it.

Judy loves her work, but she feels too tired and busy. She also worries about the children. Judy has to work on Saturdays, so Steve and Judy don't have a lot of free time together.



Emily is having a great time in her afterschool program. When Judy comes to pick her up, she doesn't want to leave.

Unfortunately, Ben's school doesn't have an after-school program. Right now, he's spending most afternoons in front of the TV.





Josh is enjoying his new freedom after school. He's playing his music louder and spending more time on the phone. He's also doing a few household chores.

A	R	ead	the	article.	Then	answer	these	questions.	Write	the	names	of
th	e f	amil	y m	embers								

- 1. Which children are benefiting from Judy working?
- 2. Which child is not benefiting from Judy working?
- 3. Which family member is enjoying more freedom?
- 4. Which family members are doing more housework?
- 5. Which family member feels too busy?

**B** *Pair work* What problems are Steve and Judy having? Which do you think is the most serious? Offer some solutions for that problem.