- 3. Read the chapter again, then work in pairs. Find all the words and phrases that refer to the 5 senses in the text.
- 4. Discuss the questions below in pairs.
- 1. Why is the grandmother's house a special place for many of us? 2. Does the grandmother's house have a special place in your heart? 3. How would you describe your grandmother's house using the five senses?
- 5. Prepare to write about your grandma's house or your childhood favourite place. Use each of your 5 senses in a descriptive essay that will make the readers feel like they're along for the ride. Plan it out, first.

LESSON 9. Speaking corner

Communicative area: speaking about modern families

1. a) Work in pairs. Discuss the questions below.



- 1. Do you like board games? Why (not)? 2. What board games do you play with your family or friends? 3. What's your favourite board game?
- b) Read about a family tradition. Do you like it? Why (not)?

Family game night is a popular tradition in Britain and the USA. It's the scheduled day of the week when family members

gather to spend time playing games. Some families choose to enjoy board games, while others incorporate cards, acting, dancing or video games into their time together. Game night is a bonding experience for family members of all ages and is a therapeutic way to relax through friendly competition and shared experiences.

2. a) You are going to play a board game. Read the rules below and start the game.

- 1. Play in groups of three (four). 2. Appoint a time-keeper.
- 3. Decide who will be the first to start (someone with the largest nuclear family, perhaps). 4. Shuffle the cards and put them on the table face down. 5. A player picks up a card. He / She has to speak on the given topic for forty seconds nonstop. Players take turns to speak. 6. The aim of the game is to collect the maximum points. How many points the speaker gets is decided by the other players (in case of arguments half a point could be given). 0 points the speaker doesn't answer the question or his talk is inadequate, 1 point the speaker makes some pauses, though his answer is mostly clear and appropriate, 2 points excellent speech!
- b) Get the cards from your teacher and start the game.



- 1 Work in small groups. Brainstorm the ideas on what makes a family happy.
- 2 Read the article below. Would the recommendations make your family happier?

As soon as you step to teenage, you start developing confidence that what you are doing is right and stop thinking what your parents want to say. You start feeling that there is a generation gap between you and your parents but it never means that you should not respect them or start ignoring them. Giving respect to your parents can make them happier people.

1. Understand them. Try to understand their feelings, they love you even when you keep on crying whole night, make them miss their

parties, make home a mess or keep yelling. They love you without any conditions. Sometimes they want you to live life their way but the reason behind it is to make your future and life safe and happy.

- 2. Show respect. There is nothing wrong in showing respect to your parents. It will only bring happiness to their face. Even if you don't agree with their thinking, try to make them understand politely. Don't use harsh words on them, they make your parents feel hurt and unappreciated.
- 3. Spend quality time together. When you think about your parent's life, you will understand that they feel lonely if you avoid them. Thus, try to take some time for your parents. Take them to some family get-together, picnic or just spend time at home with lots of fun and positive energy around.
- 4. Remember their special events. Always celebrate your parents' birthdays or special events, and celebrate it with lots of love. You can take them out for dinner, buy some gifts or just spend these special moments with them and make them realise that you care.
- 5. Show appreciation. Your parents have done a lot for you and that is the only reason that you are enjoying your life with proper education. Parents do so much but never expect anything in return, so why not to say a thank you to them occasionally and show gratitude by a card, flower or a hug? This will surely bring you close to them and bring memories which your parents can cherish forever.
- 3 Make a list of tips *How to make a family happier. Teen's opinion*. Read the examples below before you start.

Think about your siblings for a change. Try to be nicer to them than usual. Your parents will see and be pleased by your maturity. Then they will give you more freedom.

Make a family dinner. After years of cooking for you, it is nice to return the favour.

Offer to do things for your parents. If they look tired or need help with something, offer your help, and remember, bonus points if you do it without asking. Do it with pride and make no complaints.

4 Hang the tips around the classroom for all classmates to read. Vote for the best 5 tips.