

UNIT 1

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Lesson 1. Happy families are alike

1. Look at the four pictures and read the definitions below. Answer the questions.

*1. Which of the families is extended? Which is nuclear?
2. Which is a single-parent family? 3. What relatives does each of them include? 4. Which one do you think shows a typical family of your country? Why do you think so?*



a nuclear ['nju:klɪə] **family** – is a married family (a husband and wife) and their children.

an extended [ɪk'stendɪd] **family** – in modern Western culture the word refers [rɪ'fɜ:z] to (относится к) grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins, in addition to a nuclear family whether they live together within the same household or not. In other cultures, it may refer to a family in which several generations (несколько поколений) live together within a single (one) household.

a **single-parent** ['sɪŋɡ(ə)l 'peərənt] family is **one-parent family**.

2. Think of a perfect family. Choose five things from the list, which you associate with a perfect family. Compare your list with other students'.

Friendship, big, united, love, happy, spend a lot of time together, comfort, respect, care, home, understanding, pleasure, support.

3a. Work in pairs. Interview your classmate. Use the questions below.


- How big is your family? How many members are there in your family? In your extended family?
- Have you got any brothers or sisters? If so, how old are they?
- What's the best thing about your mum / your dad / your **siblings** / your grandparents?
- What do you and your family like doing together?
- What is the best memory (воспоминание) you have of your family doing something together?

siblings ['sɪblɪŋz] – someone's sisters and brothers

3b. Report to the class what new facts you have learnt about your partner's family.

Help box

I've learnt that... I was surprised that... It was interesting to learn that...

4a.  Listen and read along what students wrote about their families in a teenage magazine. Are they all happy?

Alice (14)

I adore being with my family. My parents are my real friends and they certainly mean a lot to me. They always help me

in difficult situations. It's fun to spend time together. My family is very important to me. I think it's nice to have someone you can **rely on** and share all your experiences with.

Brian (13)

I'm lucky to have such a wonderful family. We spend a lot of time together, play together, and watch TV together. We are **a close-knit** [ˌkləʊs'nɪt] **family** and we would do anything for each other. After all, without a family you have nothing – that's my opinion.

Liz (15)

We are in the same class at school and we have the same friends. Well... we aren't exactly the same – she's taller and thinner than me. And we also have different characters. If you have a twin (близнец) you are never lonely – there's always someone to talk to, someone who will come to you if you need **a shoulder** ['ʃəʊldə] **to cry on**.

Andy (14)

Most people think that a perfect family is the one with many children and I absolutely agree. I'm the youngest of five children. It's great to feel that there are so many people who can help you sort out your problems. Besides, I think that people who have a strong family behind them feel more **secure** [sɪ'kjʊə] and **confident** and can **deal with** life better.

Alex (15)

Though we are only two – my mum and me, I'm lucky to have such a close-knit family that sticks together. Of course, you need your family's **support** to rely on. We really **get on well** with each other, spend a lot of time together, which is fun.

4b. Read the text again and match the words in bold with their translations. Use the definitions as well.

1. rely [rɪ'laɪ] on (v) – trust somebody to do smth for you	a) сплоченная семья b) ладить с
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2. a close-knit [ˌkləʊs'nɪt] family – made up of relatives who do a lot of things together and care for one another	с) полагаться на
3. a shoulder [ˈʃəʊldə] to cry on – someone who listens to you when you talk about your problems	d) поддержка
4. secure [sɪ'kjʊə] (<i>adj</i>) – safe from any kind of attack	e) «жилетка», чтобы поплакаться
5. confident [ˈkɒnfɪd(ə)nt] (<i>adj</i>) – feeling sure about your own skills and abilities	f) справляться с чем-либо, иметь дело с кем-либо
6. deal [di:l] with (<i>v</i>) – take action and solve a problem	g) защищенный
7. support [sə'pɔ:t] (<i>n</i>) – help and approval (одобрение) that you give to somebody or something (an idea, a plan); support smb (<i>v</i>)	h) уверенный
8. get on/along well with (<i>v</i>) – have good relations (отношения) with someone	

5a. Read 1–2 sentences from the teenagers' statements to prove that they have happy families. Work in pairs.

5b. Read the article again and choose 10 things, which make a family happy. Use the vocabulary from ex. 4b and ex. 2. Work in pairs.

6. Fill in the missing words from ex. 4a and answer the questions. Work in pairs.

Do you think you have a (1)... family? Do you get (2)... with your family? Who's the easiest to (3)... with in your family? Can you (4)... on your family members? Do you agree that a friendly family can make you more (5)... and (6)... ? Why? Are you always ready to (7)... your family if someone needs a (8)... to cry on?

7. ✍️ Write a short essay 'All happy families are alike...' Leo Tolstoy, 'Anna Karenina'.

Lesson 2. Can you recognize true beauty?

1a. Look at the pictures. Who's got freckles, a pony-tail, straight hair, curly hair, wavy hair, blond(e) hair, glasses?

Model: The girl in picture A has got ...

