



# Topic

Conversation  
for Advanced

Lesson 7  
Family

A

The image features the silhouettes of a family of three—a man, a woman, and a child—standing together against a vibrant sunset or sunrise background. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, from deep orange at the bottom to a lighter, hazy yellow at the top. The family is positioned in the lower half of the frame, with the man on the right, the woman on the left, and a small child between them. The overall mood is intimate and contemplative.

**“It is not flesh and blood but the heart  
which makes a family.”**

**Do you belong to a small or extended family?**

## Target Language

Introduce the learning goals to the student.

In this lesson, we will talk about  
**family:**

- read a passage about what defines a family;
- learn words and expressions about family;
- share experiences about being with a family.

### Key words:

1. family
2. society
3. belongs
4. concept
5. genetically
6. regardless
7. blood-related

## Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

What is a **family**? Anyone who is asked this question always answers, “Family is the basic unit of **society**.” Indeed, it is. Everybody **belongs** to a family: the child on the street belongs to a family; the superstar belongs to a family; the hero who saves his country belongs to a family; the person who persecutes millions of people belongs to a family; even the animals and plants have their own families; also, microorganisms belong to a certain family.



---

*Comprehension Check:*

- 1. How is a family defined?*
- 2. Everybody belongs to a family. Look for examples in the passage that explain this statement.*

## Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

We are primarily defined based on the family we come from. But this **concept** changes over time. A person could no longer be defined **genetically**. Many other aspects are considered. What are these aspects? There is no definite enumeration.

Although, there are those who are much closer to their friends than their families, or to those who they grow up with, spend time, and live with for years. They treat them just like their own family **regardless** of the fact that they are not related by blood. No matter if it's **blood-related** or not, it all depends on how deep and special your relationship with these people you call “family”.

---

*Comprehension Check:*

*3. What are some of the aspects that are considered to define what family an individual belongs to?*



## Respond to Reading

Guess which concept of family the following situations belong to.

 Write the letter of your answer on the space provided.

**A. Blood-related**

**B. Not blood-related**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Oscar and his biological mother reunited after 30 years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Trisha and Venice are best friends and treat each other as sisters.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. George lives alone. He has a pet dog that he treats like a family.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Luis hates his abusive father. He runs away from home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Amy found out the people she called Mum and Dad were her adoptive parents.

## Free Talk

Answer the questions below.

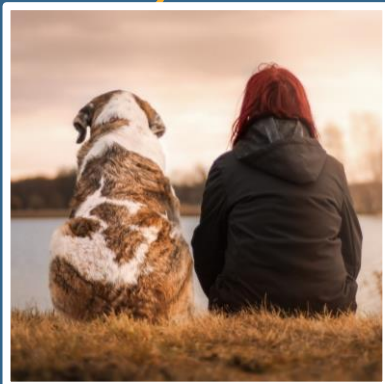


immediate

**FAMILY**



friends



pets



club members

- ☐ Who do you consider as a family? Why?
- ☐ Describe a typical family unit and the importance of family in your country.
- ☐ What values and virtues should be present in the family to assure a harmonious relationship among its members?

## Summary

Make a summary of the topic you have learned today.

Everybody belongs to a family and we are primarily defined based on the family we come from. But this concept changes over time. A person could no longer be defined genetically. Regardless of the fact that they are not blood-related, there are those who consider close friends as their family because they grew up together and have spent lots of years together.

□ Make a short summary about the different concepts of family. Use some words you learned today.

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| 1. family  | 5. genetically   |
| 2. society | 6. regardless    |
| 3. belongs | 7. blood-related |
| 4. concept |                  |

*Your opinion...*

.....

.....

