



LESSON 11. HOME AND FAMILY

A home is a dwelling place used as a permanent or semi-permanent residence for an individual, family, household or several families together. It is usually a house or apartment, but some people live in other types of homes, like a caravan, houseboat, cabin, or yurt.

Homes typically provide areas and facilities for sleeping, preparing food, eating and hygiene.



1. Is your home clean? Are you a very organized person?
2. Do you have a lot of decorations in your home or is it bare?
3. Are you happy with the size of your home?
4. What is your favorite appliance, electronic device, or piece of furniture in your home?
5. If you had \$3,000 to improve your home, what would you spend it on?
6. Do you agree with the saying “Wherever I lay my head is home.”?
7. How is your home different from your childhood home?
8. What would you say the decoration style of your home is?
9. What would your ideal house or apartment look like?
10. What do you do to maintain your home?
11. What household chores do you hate doing?

- **Buying a House. Practice the dialogue with your teacher.**

A: I am not sure I even want to look at this house!

B: It is a bit of a fixer-upper. Let's take a look inside.

A: It doesn't look much better inside this place.

B: You know, with a little elbow grease and paint, you could spruce it up a bit.

A: There are hardly any windows in here, and that makes it really gloomy.

B: Let's go check out the kitchen. The printout says that it is quite large.

A: Look at those broken tile countertops and the peeling wallpaper. **B:** Maybe the master suite has some redeeming qualities. Follow me, please.

A: What's that smell?

B: Perhaps we should move on to the next listing.

1. Discuss the underlined words.
2. What makes you not like a house?
3. Describe your dream house.



Explain and Discuss the following

1 **H**  **OME**
sweet
H  **OME**

2  **H**  **ME** 
is where the heart is

5 **Bring**
home
the
Bacon

3 **A MAN'S HOUSE**
IS HIS CASTLE.

4 **Charity**
begins
at home

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Home is not
a place...
it's a
feeling.

Vocabulary Activity

Discuss these words

hut	detached	castle
semi-detached	castle	mansion
flat	apartment	farm house
bungalow	cottage	cave
igloo	camper van	cottage
boat house	log house	wig warn
tent	dormitory	tree house

What is a family?



'Family' is a single word, with many different meanings. People have many ways of defining a family and what being a part of a family meansto them.

Families differ in terms of economic, cultural, social, and many other facets, but what every family has in common is that the people who call it a family are making dear that those people are important in some way to the person calling them his family.

1. What does your family mean to you?
2. Can you call your friends your family? Why or why not?
3. How are families different from each other?
4. Explain the underlined words.

What is the appropriate English term for...

1. your sister's daughter?
2. your sister's son?
3. your grandmother's mother?
4. your brothers and sisters?
5. your wife's brother?
6. the son of your mother's new husband?
7. your wife's mother?
8. your sister's cousin?
9. your father's brother?
10. your brother's son?
11. your husband's father is?
12. your son's son is your?
13. the daughter of your mom's new husband?
14. the mother of your grandmother?





Listening 11.1 Adrienne talks about the different personalities in her family.
Answer these questions about the interview.

1) How does she describe her mother?

- a) She has a great sense of humor.
- b) She is very generous.
- c) She speaks her mind.
- d) She is very organized.

2) How does she describe her father?

- a) Kind
- b) Tall
- c) Outgoing
- d) Generous

3) What does she say about her sister?

- a) She is younger.
- b) She is older.
- c) She can make her laugh.
- d) They are complete opposites.

4) In her family, who is very similar?

- a) Her mother and father
- b) Her sister and father
- c) Adrienne and her mother
- d) Adrienne and her sister

**humor • you'll ever • takes up
open • cracks**

1. This comedy show _____ me up every time I watch it.
2. You need to try to be more _____ with people around you, or you will never make new friends.
3. I'm sure this is the nicest house _____ see.
4. She's not fat, but she hates the way that she _____ space.
5. I don't understand his sense of _____ at all.

Match the words with the correct meaning ...

1. **In-law**
 2. **Stepfather**
 3. **Biological mother or father**
 4. **To get adopted**
 5. **To give up for adoption**
 6. **Blood relative**
 7. **Household**
 8. **Nuclear family**
 9. **Extended Family**
 10. **Long lost relative**
 11. **Second Cousin**
 12. **Broken Home**
 13. **Dysfunctional family**
 14. **Estranged family member**
- A. A person who is married to your mother, but is not your original father. You could have a stepmother or a stepbrother/sister too.
 - B. A situation where there is controversy and abuse between the family members.
 - C. A family member that you haven't seen or heard from in a while.
 - D. The parent that conceived you. If a person is adopted into another family his original parents are his "biological parents".
 - E. A person who is related to you by birth as opposed to being related to you by marriage.
 - F. This refers to all of the people who live in a house as a whole.
 - G. A person's direct family members. It consists of your mother, father and siblings. Aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents are not part of the nuclear family.
 - H. The child of a person's cousin.
 - I. A person who is related to you by marriage.
 - J. A family in which the mother or the father has left.
 - K. A person who doesn't get along with the family and does not keep in contact.
 - L. This is when an adult takes in a child who doesn't have parents that can care for him or her.
 - M. To legally surrender your rights in raising your child to another adult or a couple.
 - N. Any family members that are not part of your "nuclear family" like aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents.

Vocabulary Activity



Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box

extended family
household
biological

estranged
stepfather
long lost relative

dysfunctional
broken home
blood relatives

There are six people who make up our _____. There is my wife Jane, myself and four kids. My wife was married before and had one child with her previous husband. I am now this girl's _____. We may not be _____, but I treat her like she was my own. Given the circumstances, we are a pretty happy family.

When I first got married to Jane, it took me a while to get used to her large _____. She has numerous aunts, uncles and cousins that stop by our house constantly. She even had a _____ show up the other day for dinner. It was an uncle from her dad's side of the family. He was a drug addict who was _____ from the rest of the family many years ago. He got off of drugs and is now a lawyer who is doing well for himself. He told me that he got married once and had kids, but it turned out to be a _____ family. He was soon divorced and moved to another city. He is sad that his kids had to grow up in a _____. That's not the way he pictured it to be. At least he is doing OK now.

I am determined to keep my family happy. My stepdaughter sometimes misses her _____ father, but I think she will be fine. Hopefully she will eventually learn to be happy with her new family.



Listening 11.2 Problems at Home

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the listening

Emily sat down on the sofa. She (1) ____ her shoes. She put her feet on the (2) _____. She leaned back. She picked up the (3) _____ and turned on the TV. It was 6 o'clock. The news was on three (4) _____. She didn't want to see the news. The news (5) ___ her. It was usually about accidents and murders. There was too much bad news on the TV news. She found a (6) _____ to watch. It was Ellen. She liked Ellen. Ellen was a (7) _____. She told good jokes. She showed animals doing funny things. She gave expensive gifts to her (8) _____ occasionally. This show was a (9) _____, because Ellen's "live" show was usually on at 4 o'clock. But that didn't matter to Emily. All she wanted to do was relax. Her life was one problem after another. Her husband had just lost his job. Her only child had (10) _____ of high school. Even worse, he had left home. He told his mom he would call from time to time. But he hadn't called in two weeks. She was (11) _____. She didn't know where he was. She didn't know if he was dead or alive. Her husband said she shouldn't worry. He (12) ___ the same thing when he was 17. But when he found out that life on the (13) _____ wasn't as easy as he thought it was, he returned home and got his high school (14) _____.

What types of problems do you usually encounter at home?

Third Conditional

A third conditional sentence is comprised of two halves.

If + Past Perfect Then Would have + Past Participle

We use the third conditional to say what would have happened in the past.

We have seen how the zero conditional, the first conditional and the second conditional are all used to talk about possibility and result in the present and future. The third conditional is what we use to talk about the past.

Examples:

What would have you done if the boss had asked you to work overtime?

If my teacher had been stricter with me when I was young, I would have studied harder.

We would have gone for a picnic if the weather had been better.

Second or Third Conditional?

Compare these two sentences:

- *If I went to the party, I would be tired tomorrow.*
- *If I had gone to the party, I would have been tired.*

In the first sentence, we use the second conditional because the party is in the future and we are imagining what the situation would be. In the second sentence, the party is in the past. We didn't go but we are imagining what would have happened if we had gone to it.

Don't use **would** in the **if** part of the sentence. With **if**, we must use the **past perfect**:

If I had seen Hugo, I would have said hello.

NOT *If I would have seen Hugo, ...*

Mixed Conditionals

Compare these two sentences:

If I had gone to the disco on Saturday night, I would have met Sarah.

If I had gone to the disco on Saturday night, I would be tired now.

In the first sentence, we use the third conditional - a **past possible action** with the **past result**.

In the second sentence however, we use a mixed third and second conditional to describe a **past possible action** (third conditional) with a **present result** (second conditional).

Look at these other possible situations:

- *If I had gone to university, my mother would have been happy.*
- *If I had gone to university, I would be a lawyer now.*
- *If we had gone to that new restaurant, we wouldn't have got a table as it was so busy.*
- *If we had gone to that new restaurant, we wouldn't be hungry now.*

Put the words in brackets into the correct form to make third conditional sentences.

1. If I (pass) my driving test last month, I would have bought a car straight away.
2. If I (complain) in the shop, they might have given me a discount.
3. The job (be done) much faster if there'd been more people helping. As it was, it took us forever.
4. If the job (not/take) so long, we would've had more time to do other things.
5. I (not/say) what I said if I had known earlier what her reaction was going to be.
6. I wouldn't have bought the house if I (know) it was damp.
7. If I (be) in your shoes, I wouldn't have accepted the offer. You made a big mistake.
8. I (not/ start) the job if I had known it was going to take so long.
9. If you (speak) to my mother, she would have told you where I was.
10. He (help) me if I had asked him.

Complete the sentences

1. If you had worked hard, you (pass) _____ the exam.
2. If they had taken him to hospital earlier, he (die) _____ .
3. I (send) _____ you the document, if you had given me your email address.
4. He (miss) _____ the bus, if he had woken up earlier.
5. If I (know) _____ you were coming, I would have prepared a delicious meal.
6. If you (be) _____ late, you would have caught the six o'clock train.
7. I (but) _____ you a present if I had known it was your birthday.
8. If the weather had been better last weekend, we (go) _____ to the beach.
9. If you (come) _____ to the meeting yesterday, you would have met Jane.
10. The accident (occur) _____ if the driver hadn't been driving fast.
11. If you (study) _____ for the test, you (pass) _____ it.
12. If you (ask) _____ me, I (help) _____ you.
13. If we (go) _____ to the cinema, we (see) _____ my friend Jacob.
14. If you (speak) _____ English, she _____ (understand) .
15. If they (listen) _____ to me, we (be) _____ home earlier.

Idioms and Useful Expressions



Use the following Idioms in a sentence:

Take after someone in your family - to look like or act like someone older than you in your family

A distant relative - a remote member of the family

Run in the family - Something common to many members of a family

To have skeleton in the cupboard - to have a shameful secret and want to keep something secret in a family

One's flesh and blood - a family member

To wear the trousers - to be the person in a marriage or other relationship who makes most of the decisions

See eye to eye - to agree fully; to have the same opinion

Blood is thicker than water - used to describe how strong family ties and relationships are, especially when comparing to non-family relationships.

Chip off the old block - it means that you're very similar to your mother or father.

1. How do members of a family support each other?
2. Who do you think has the most power in the family? Why?
3. How many people are in your immediate and extended family?
4. How often do you have big family get-togethers?
5. Is there a black sheep in your family?
6. Do you live in a nuclear family or an extended family?
7. In your country, do most people live in a nuclear family or an extended family?
8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of these types of family?
9. When do people need their families the most?
10. Are chores or duties assigned to different people within your family?
11. What is the best memory you have of your family doing something together?
12. What do you and your family like to do together?
13. Do any of your family live in other countries?
14. What was the most important thing your parents taught you?
15. Describe the perfect family.
16. How are Royal Families different from other families?
17. Is spanking or hitting a good way to discipline children? Why or why not?
18. What do you think of people who marry and decide not to have children?
19. Is it better for mothers to stay at home with kids or go to work to earn more money for the family?

The End