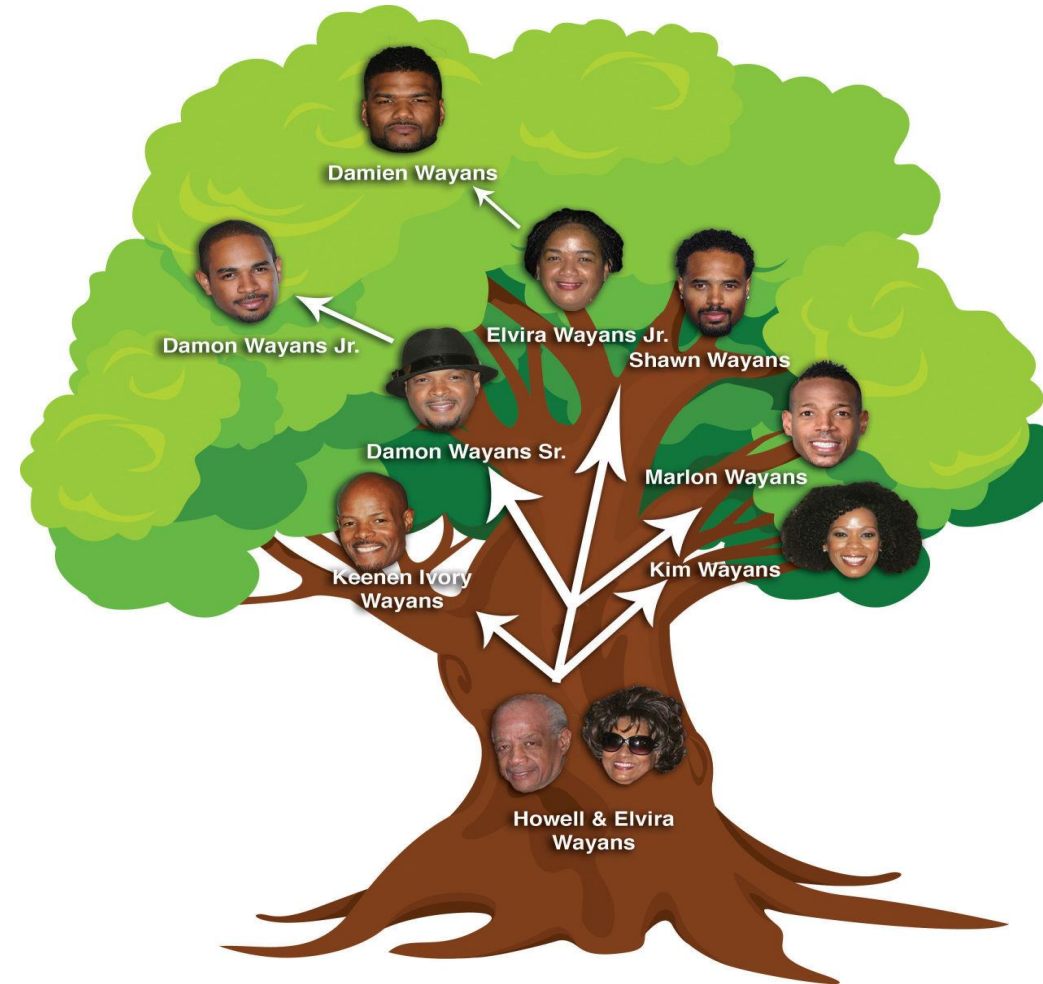




LESSON 7. MY DAD



What is a family?

Describe the picture. Give as many details as you can.

Different Forms of Families

A **family** is a group of people that have a **common ancestor**. They usually live together in the same house.



In an **extended family**, different family members such as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins live together.



A **nuclear family** consists of parents and their children living together.



Families with only one parent are called **single parent families**. There are several causes of these types of families. The first reason is *divorce*. Another reason is that the one of the parent dies, leaving the *surviving* parent *widowed*.

Different Forms of Families



When the husband or wife in a *marriage* brings children with them from a past marriage, this is called a **blended or reconstituted family**. This type of family has become more common due to the increase in divorces.



Childless family. Some families have no children at all. The couples that make up these families sometimes make the choice not to have children because they want to have more free time. Some couples choose not to have children for financial reasons.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of each family form?

Fill in the gaps

divorce widow surviving marriage reconstitute make-up

1. _____ to remain alive or in existence
2. _____ the ending of a marriage by a legal process
3. _____ the relationship that exists between a husband and a wife
4. _____ to form (an organization or group) again in a different way
5. _____ to form by fitting together or assembling
6. _____ a woman whose husband has died

1. Financial problems are a leading cause of _____.
2. They have plans to _____ the bankrupt company.
3. She had to care for her _____ed mother.
4. They have plans to _____ the bankrupt company.
5. Don't _____excuses for being late.
6. He is the only _____ relative of the deceased.



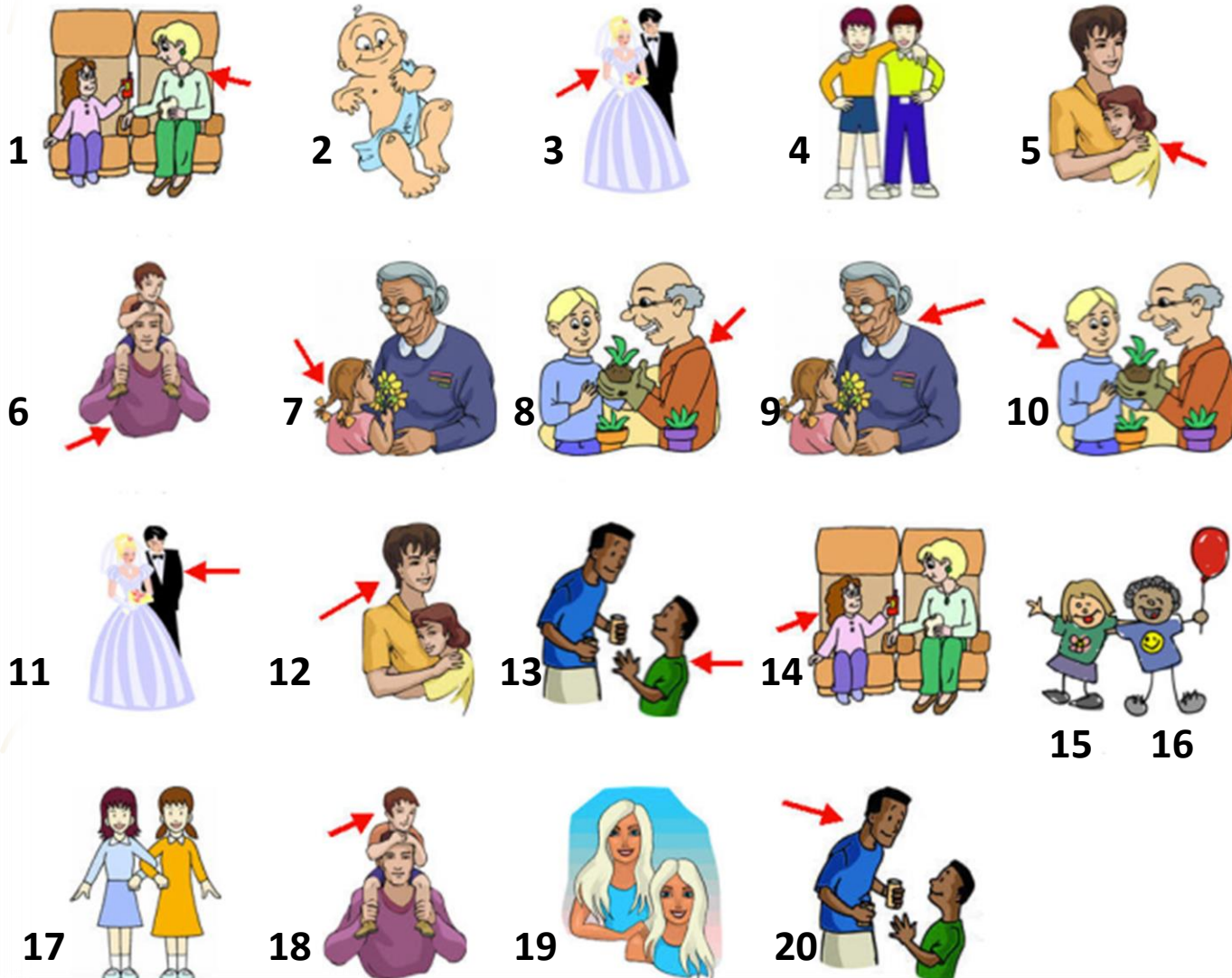
Hello, I'm Lottie. I'm 10 years old. I live with my dad and my sister in England. I'm going to tell you about my dad. This is my dad. His name is Paul. He's 46 years old. His hair is black and grey. He's got green eyes. I've got green eyes too! My dad gets up early most days. He makes our breakfast, and sometimes he takes me to school. My dad's making my breakfast in this picture. My dad is a teacher. He doesn't teach children. He teaches other people who work with him. Dad's at work in this picture. My dad gets home at 5 o'clock. Sometimes I help him cook our tea. In this picture I'm helping to make a pasta sauce. After tea my dad sometimes helps me with my homework. He's helping me with math here. I like math! In the evening we sometimes watch TV. Or my dad reads. He loves reading. I love reading too! At the weekends we do different things. Sometimes we go to the library. I'm choosing some books here. Sometimes at the weekend we go to the cinema, or to a concert. My dad loves music. Sometimes the concerts are a bit boring. It's great living with my dad and my sister.

Lottie told us all about her dad. Why don't you tell us about somebody in your family? You could include some of the following information:

1. Their name and age.
2. What they look like.
3. Their daily routine.
4. Their job.
5. What they do in the evenings.
6. What they do at the weekends.



Picture Description



1. Sisters
2. Uncle
3. Aunt
4. Son
5. Bride
6. Baby
7. Twins
8. Brothers
9. Grandmother
10. Father
11. Granddaughter
12. Nephew
13. Niece
14. Grandfather
15. Mother
16. Siblings

Vocabulary Challenge



1. A very important stage in the development of something
2. Bring up and care for a child until it is fully grown
3. The income-earner of the family
4. Traditional
5. Breakable; delicate, weak
6. Failing, Dying
7. The state of married
8. Children
9. A person who takes care of the house and family
10. The family or your relatives
11. A custom or system that has existed for a long time.

- A. Offspring
- B. Conventional
- C. Breadwinner
- D. Homemaker
- E. Kin
- F. Rear (verb)
- G. Milestone
- H. Wedlock
- I. Institution
- J. In decline
- K. Fragile

Use the words in a sentence.

1. My mother's sister is my
2. My daughter's brother is my
3. My father's daughter is my
4. My mum and dad are my
5. My sister's son is my
6. My aunt's son or daughter is my
7. My father's brother is my
8. My mother's father is my
9. My daughter's son is my
10. My brother's daughter is my



Fill in the correct family member.

Present continuous tense

Basic form

Subject + IS/ARE + Verb (continuous form)

Quick examples

He is sleeping.

I am visiting grandpa in the afternoon.

You are always coming late for the meetings!

Present Progressive Tense

("verb 'to be' in present tense") + (Present Participle)

On-going
activity
now

Future
planned
activity

Past

Present

Future

The **Present Continuous** is mainly used to express the idea that something is happening at the moment of speaking. The Present Continuous also describes activities **generally** in progress (not at the moment). Another use of the tense is to talk about temporary actions or future plans.

Use

1. Present actions

2. Temporary actions

3. Longer actions in progress

4. Future (personal) arrangements and plans

5. Tendencies and trends

6. Irritation

Present Continuous Tense

Use 1: Present Actions

Most often, we use the Present Continuous tense to talk about actions happening at the moment of speaking.

He is eating a dinner.

Use 2: Temporary Actions

This tense is also used for activities continuing only for a limited period of time.

I'm riding a bike to get to work because my car is broken. Temporary Action (His car will soon be repaired)

Use 3: Longer Actions in Progress

We also use the **Present Continuous** when we are in the middle of doing something time-consuming (i.e. something that takes time to complete). An example of such an activity is writing a book, saving money or studying for an exam.

They are working hard to earn money.

Use 4: Future (Personal) Arrangements and Plans

Sometimes we use the **Present Continuous** to show that something is planned and will be done in the near future.

I'm meeting Katie in the evening.

Use 5: Tendencies and Trends

This tense is also used for expressing tendencies or trends.

Our country is getting richer.

Use 6: Irritation or Anger

And the last use of this tense is to express irritation or anger over somebody or something in the present with adverbs such as: always, continually or constantly.

She is continually complaining about everything!

Present Continuous Tense

Change the verb into the correct form

1. We (**renovate**) our house this week.
 2. She (**paint**) her room today.
 3. I (**write**) a book these days.
 4. They (**try**) to sell their car.
 5. You (**look**) good today.
 6. He (**study**) to be a lawyer.
 7. This table (**break**) apart.
 8. Oliver (**help**) me with my homework these days.
 9. Luke (**become**) more and more handsome.
 10. I (**work**) on my accent.
 11. You (**change**) your work place.
 12. She (**have**) a hard time.
 13. This month we (**stay**) with my Sister.
 14. Eva (**look**) for a roommate.
 15. They (**study**) Spanish this summer.
1. Anna (**rest**) right now.
 2. I (**talk**) on the phone at this moment.
 3. Bella (**cook**) dinner now.
 4. They (**help**) the teacher right now.
 5. He (**run**) very fast!
 6. Julia (**bake**) a chocolate cake at the moment.
 7. I (**have**) fun!
 8. You (**dance**) very nicely.
 9. They (**answer**) all the questions.
 10. John (**eat**) Salad, and I am eating fish.
 11. Marta (**drive**), and Chris (**sleep**).
 12. It (**rain**).
 13. I (**write**) my homework.
 14. We (**work**) on the new show right now.
 15. Kate (**lie**) in bed now.

Present Continuous Tense

Present tense or Present Progressive Tense

1. Look! He (leave) the house.
2. Quiet please! I (write) a test.
3. She usually (walk) to school.
4. But look! Today she (go) by bike.
5. Every Sunday we (go) to see my grandparents.
6. He often (go) to the cinema.
7. We (play) Monopoly at the moment.
8. The child seldom (cry) .
9. I (not / do) anything at the moment.
10. (watch / he) the news regularly?
11. He (wear) a t-shirt and shorts today.
12. He (eat) an apple at the moment.
13. Marc (like) fruits and vegetables.
14. She (play) handball every Monday and Thursday.
15. What (do / they) at the moment?

Signal words

Now

at the moment

Look!

Listen!

Nowadays

Useful Expressions

Discuss and make your own sentence.



He's now a **family man** and his priorities changed.



She was **born with a silver spoon in her mouth** and never worked a day in her life



You **take after** your mother—you have her nose and eyes.

Arrange the sentences in correct order.

1. with / live / my / in / dad / sister / my / England. / and / I
2. our / to / He / takes / makes / school. / he / and / me /
sometimes / breakfast,
3. sometimes / homework. / dad / helps / After / my / with
/ tea / my / me
4. who / teaches / with / work / He / other / him. / people
5. At / we / things. / do / the / different / weekends
6. living / sister. / with / It's / great / my / my / dad / and

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word 'family'?
2. How important is your family to you?
3. How important are you to your family?
4. Do you prefer spending time with your family or friends?
5. Are there any strange people in your family?
6. Are you jealous of any of your family members?
7. Do you get on well with all of your family members?
8. How often do you have big family get-togethers?



Give papa a cup of proper
coffee in a copper coffee cup.



The End