

UNIT 1. MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

VOCABULARY BUILDER



1 UNIT

Me, my family and friends

**Life stages:** newborn, grown-up, adult, adolescent, infant, pensioner, toddler, child, middle-aged person, teenager, elderly, baby, senior citizen, youngster, juvenile, school-age child

**Family:** spouse, sibling, offspring, in-laws, husband(wife)-to-be, fiance, stepdaughter, ex-wife, half-brother, great-grandfather, godfather, orphan, newlyweds, bridesmaid, groom, foster parents, adopted

**Activities with friends:** chat, hang out, goof around, play games, share secrets, ride a bike

**Character traits:** cheerful, outgoing, sensitive, generous, patient, selfish, rude, bossy, hard-working, greedy, moody, thoughtful, reliable, gullible, self-righteous, curious, sensible, shy, ambitious, tolerant

**1. Match the character adjectives with the definitions. Use them to describe your friends and family members.**

1. cheerful	a. doesn't like working
2. outgoing	b. doesn't talk or act politely
3. popular	c. tells people what to do
4. sensitive	d. likes to spend time with people
5. generous	e. everyone likes them
6. patient	f. doesn't like to share things
7. selfish	g. is always happy and enthusiastic
8. lazy	h. doesn't mind waiting
9. rude	i. likes to give things to people
10. bossy	j. can be easily hurt

**2. Match the words from the box with the people they describe.**

- a) conservative    b) impatient    c) moody    d) perfectionist  
 e) gullible    f) reliable    g) self-confident    h) self-righteous  
 i) sentimental    j) sociable

1. George always wants things to be done without mistakes. 2. Kate loves going out and meeting new people. 3. Andy is very tender-hearted and likes to

remember nice moments. 4. Mr. Thompson is a trustworthy neighbour. 5. Joe is always in a rush and can never wait for anything. 6. It's easy to play jokes on Melanie; she believes everything you tell her. 7. Mrs. Cook hates the idea of anything changing in the world. 8. Bob never has any doubts about himself or what he is capable of. 9. My sister is really temperamental – one minute she's happy and the next she's sad. 10. Sarah always thinks that her beliefs and behaviour are better than everyone else's.

**3. Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.**

foster, intelligent, biological, ambitious, amusing, strict, polite, impatient, extended, kind-hearted, adoptive, sociable, talkative, single-parent

1. Melanie is so ..... She never stops chatting. 2. John was brought up in a(n) ..... household. His mum raised him all by herself. 3. Kate is a very ..... lady. She takes care of the old people in her street. 4. The boy's ..... parents decided to adopt him and raise him as their own son. 5. Dan is always ..... and treats everyone with respect. 6. His uncle and aunt became little Danny's ..... parents when he lost his own parents in an accident. 7. Diana is extremely ..... and will do anything to succeed. 8. Chris is the most ..... guy I know. He can make anyone laugh. 9. Even though he's not his ..... father, his stepfather treats him like his own son. 10. Marion had a(n) ..... upbringing and wasn't allowed to go to parties or stay out late. 11. I don't think anyone is more ..... than Mike. He gets the highest grades in all his subjects. 12. Luke is ..... He likes going out and meeting new people. 13. My father is very ..... and loses his temper when he has to wait for something. 14. Living far from all their relatives, their children were isolated from the ..... family.

**4. Use the vocabulary from the "Life Stages" vocabulary box and sort out the words into the following age categories.**

Age (years)					
0-5	6-12	13-19	20+	40+	60+

**5. Use the "Family" vocabulary box and define what family members the speakers talk about.**

1. I used to be married to Anna but I divorced her three years ago. 2. I fight with my older brother Mark all the time! 3. My grandfather's father, Harry, was 100 years old when he died. 4. I promised to morally guide Sheila and Tom's