

Unit 1 Living together



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DID YOU KNOW,

that there were 26.7 million households in the UK in 2014; the average size of a household was 2.4?

- There are around two million single parents – they make up a quarter of families with dependent children.
- Less than two per cent of single parents are teenagers.
- 64.4 percent of single parents are in work.
- Women account for 91% of all lone parents with dependent children.
- 12.3 million of UK households consisted of a married couple with or without children.
- 4.7 million married couple families have dependent children.
- The percentage of families that have just one dependent child has increased from 42 per cent in 1996 to 47 per cent in 2013.

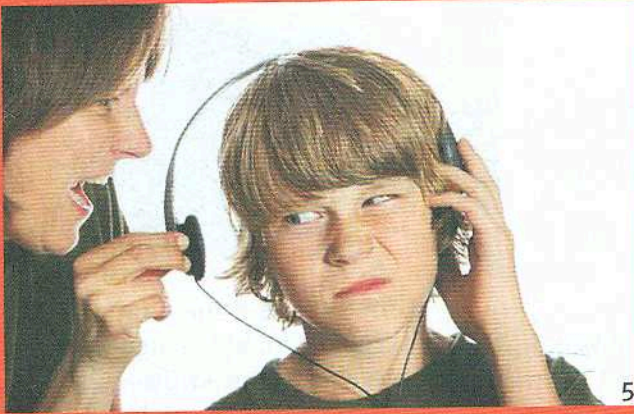


1 The modern British family

- What do you know about the modern British family? Start a mind map for your folder. Continue it as you go through the unit.*
- Look at the photos on this page. What can you see? Describe these photos in two or three sentences. Perhaps your mind map can help you.*

WORDS

to get close to nature
to camp in a national park
to have a family reunion
to have family picnics
to take a bike ride
to learn drawing as a skill



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2 Let's listen: Different families different lives

- Look at photos 5-8 and listen. Which photo is not described?
- Talk about all the pictures. Use the words in the box.

a traditional nuclear family
 a single parent family
 a single mother/father
 a son/a daughter
 grandparents

3 Let's talk: Traditional vs single parent families

- Read the fact box and write questions for your partner.

How many people are there in your family?
 Do you live with two parents?
 Do you live with your grandparents?
 What is your male/female role in the family?

- Close your books and ask and answer more questions about families.

are less likely to use drugs or alcohol

happier

emotionally healthier

physically healthier

receive more support

4 For my folder

- Find more about the modern British and Ukrainian families.

- What is it like living with two parents?
- What is it like living with a single parent?

- Make a fact file with pictures and present it to your class.

Sunday lunch

Dad: Well, this is nice. When was the last time we had Sunday lunch together?

Mum: I can't remember. Oh – is Jake still in bed? He came home very late last night.

Amy: I know, but he didn't enjoy himself at all. He and Miriam have just split up.

Mum: Oh no, really? And I liked Miriam. Oh dear. Well, I'll call Jake on my mobile. Jake? Are you OK? What? ... You feel tired? ... Well, lunch is ready.

Dad: I'll put the meat on the plates, and everyone can help themselves to vegetables.

Amy: No meat for me, please. I've decided to become a vegetarian, remember?

Dad: Then help yourself to extra sprouts.

Amy: I can't stand Brussels sprouts! I'll make myself a sandwich and take it to my room.

Mum: No, you won't! We're having a meal together as a family. We never see each other these days.

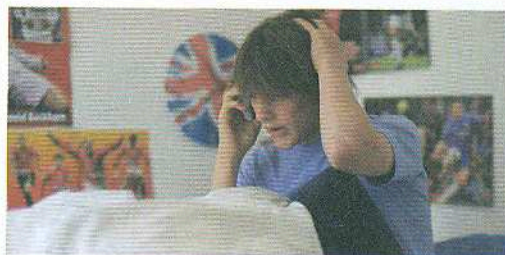
Mel: I see too much of Amy. And what do you mean *your* room, Amy? It's mine, too.

Mum: Behave yourselves, you two! Why can't you be nice to each other?

Dad: Oh, and here's Jake. You're half asleep, boy!

Mum: And you haven't even got dressed, Jake! Sit down first. Your dad cooked lunch himself!

Jake: Did you really, Dad? So who taught you how to cook?



Dad: Nobody taught me. I taught myself! – Ouch! I've just hurt myself with this knife! – Come on, have some lunch before it gets cold.

Jake: Could you put it in the microwave for me, please? I'm meeting my friends in ten minutes.

Mum: Do it yourself, Jake! This isn't a hotel, you know. Next weekend you kids will have to cook for yourselves. We're visiting Grandpa because he can't look after himself now.

Jake: So is he going to live with us?

Mum: We don't know yet. But you'll be OK on your own while we're away, won't you?

Mel: Relax, Mum. Why do you always imagine the worst? We can look after ourselves.



1 Funny or not?

- Do you know this kind of family situation? Talk about any examples you know.
- What do you think of the Pattersons?



2 What do the Pattersons say?

Example: Mrs Patterson thinks the twins are very polite at the table. – That's wrong. She says: "Behave yourselves, you two!"

- Mr Patterson gives everyone vegetables. – That's wrong. He says: "Everyone ..."
- Mr Patterson says that Amy should take some bacon. – That's wrong. He says: "..."
- Amy wants to get some chips. – That's ...
- Mr Patterson hurt Mrs Patterson with a knife.
- Mrs Patterson will put Jake's lunch in the microwave.

GRAMMAR

'the' is omitted before the words *home, father/mother* when we talk about our own home/parents.

GRAMMAR

We use 'the' with the names of the families (*the Pattersons*).

3 Myself or me?

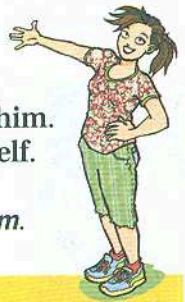
a) Find the rule for reflexive pronouns:

Nobody **taught me** how to cook. Grandpa's cleaning lady can't **look after him**.
I **taught myself** how to cook. Grandpa Patterson can't **look after himself**.

b) Mel is describing herself and her family. Put in **me/you/us** etc. or a reflexive form.

Example: "Amy and I fight over clothes, but at parties we enjoy **ourselves**."

- "I'm a bit shy. I don't like it when people look at ..."
- "Amy can be a bit selfish. **She** only thinks about ..."
- "Amy often makes ... a sandwich and takes it to our room."
- "**Jake** often falls off his skateboard and hurts ..."
- "When Mum is alone, **she** often talks to ..."
- "I know lots of card tricks because my dad taught ..."



GRAMMAR

Reflexive pronouns

I've hurt **myself**.
You'll enjoy **yourself**.
He taught **himself** to swim.
She has hurt **herself**.
It (the computer) turns **itself** off.
We can look after **ourselves**.
You can all help **yourselves**.
They behaved **themselves**. → G1



4 Details

a) Look at the dialogue on page 10 and answer the questions. Choose from these verbs.

- What happened to Jake and Miriam last night?
- Why doesn't Amy want any meat?
- What hasn't Jake done yet?
- What should Jake do first at lunch?
- Why is Jake in a hurry to finish his lunch?

relax feel meet remember

sit down split up decide get lost

hurry up get dressed imagine

b) Make sentences with the verbs you did not use in a).



5 Themselves or each other?

Use *each other* or *themselves*.

Start like this: The twins are taking a photo of ...

TIP

The twins are looking at **themselves**....
The twins are looking at **each other**. ...



6 Stress the subject in a sentence

If you want to stress the subject of a sentence, you can sometimes use a reflexive pronoun:

- Mel, could you get me a drink of water? – No, Amy, get it **yourself!**
- Amy, I'm going to call Charlie. – Wait, Mel. I'll call him ...
- Who told you about Miriam's new boyfriend? – Miriam ...
- Maybe Dad can build a wall in our bedroom! – No, let's ...!