



## BEFORE WATCHING

## 1 Discuss these questions in groups.

- 1 Do you know anyone from a family of different cultural backgrounds?
- 2 Where are the parents from?
- 3 Where does the family live?
- 4 What are the advantages and disadvantages of this type of family?

## 2 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

communicator decision backgrounds family role

- 1 My parents come from different cultural \_\_\_\_\_. My mum is Indian and my dad is from the UK.
- 2 My sister made the difficult \_\_\_\_\_ to give up a highly-paid job when her baby was born.
- 3 Our grandma played an important \_\_\_\_\_ in our childhood, because our parents worked full-time.
- 4 My oldest son is a good \_\_\_\_\_, so he often helps resolve family arguments.
- 5 We are a very close-knit \_\_\_\_\_. We do everything together!

La Paz family



## WHILE WATCHING

## 3 ► Watch the video about Michelle and Jerry Paz, a couple from different cultural backgrounds. Make notes to answer the questions.

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| 1 How many children do they have?   | 4 What is the family's strongest cultural influence? |
| 2 Where do their parents come from? | 5 What major challenges do the family face?          |
| 3 Where were they born?             | 6 What do they hope for their children's future?     |

4 ► Read the text. There are seven mistakes. Watch *The Paz Family*. Then correct the mistakes in the text. The first is given as an example.

The Paz family lives <sup>45 minutes</sup> a few hours away from New York in a four-bedroomed apartment. Jerry's parents moved from Peru to America when he was a baby because they felt there would be better opportunities for the family. Jerry now works in a hospital. However, he doesn't find his job very rewarding, and he hasn't been able to learn about business in general. His wife, Michelle, was adopted by an Irish-American family when she was just six weeks old. She grew up in the New York area. She used to work as a nurse, but now she spends her time bringing up her children.

5 ► Watch *Cultural identity* and answer the questions. Write (J) for Jerry or (M) for Michelle.

Who ...?

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| 1 was a high-school student when they met              | 4 is trying to learn about Filipino culture       |
| 2 told a lie about where he/she was from               | 5 has passed on his/her culture to their children |
| 3 has parents who play an important role in the family | 6 has learnt to cook Peruvian food                |

6 ► Watch *Challenges and hopes* and choose the correct option.

- 1 Jerry looks forward to the end of the working day because ...  
a his job is stressful.    b he wants to spend time with his family.
- 2 The family ... together as a team.  
a enjoys working    b finds it hard to work
- 3 Jerry and Michelle are happy, because ... an autism research project.  
a their son is going to take part in    b they recently raised money for
- 4 Jerry and Michelle worry that in the future their children may ...  
a want to live with a person from a different race.    b not find a suitable job.

## AFTER WATCHING

Work in a group. Discuss the questions.

- 1 In your country, what are the main ways in which people learn about different cultures?
- 2 What roles do grandparents play in family life in your culture and in your own family?

## RESEARCH

A student magazine is running a series of articles on family life. This week's article is about the importance of passing on your culture to your children and grandchildren. Write an article describing the aspects of your culture which you would pass on.