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A2- COURSE 1

SESSION 2- TALKING ABOUT FAMILY



Part 1-: My English Family (Listening)

Part 2: What would you say in the following situations? (More Idioms & collocations)

Part 3: Speaking Practice

SESSION 2- TALKING ABOUT FAMILY



Part 1 -: My English Family (Listening)

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Script:

Todd: So, Katie, let's talk about family.

Katie: Okay.

Todd: In your family, who is **nice**?

Katie: In my family, I think my, my mum is really nice. She's always **looking out for** everyone. She always makes sure everybody is happy. And she's just really nice and **kind**.

Todd: Wow! That's great. Who is a **funny** person? Who is very funny?

Katie: I think in my family; my dad is very funny. But I don't think he knows he's very funny.

Todd: Alright. Oh, that's interesting. Now who is **serious**? Is anybody serious?

Katie: I don't think anybody is serious in my family.

Todd: No uncles or aunts?

Katie: Everyone likes to have a laugh. Everyone likes to have a good time.

Script:

Katie: Everyone is always joking.

Todd: Oh, what a nice family.

Katie: (laughs)

Todd: OK. Who is very **hardworking**?

Katie: Ooohh. Well **obviously**, my mum is very hardworking. And she's always been very hardworking. She has to make sure that the whole family knows what they're doing. She has to make sure the whole family is ready for every day. Yeah, I think my mum is the hardworking one.

Todd: OK. Is anybody not hardworking? Maybe a little **lazy**?

Katie: Definitely me. (laughs) Definitely me especially when I was younger. I would never help with any of the **chores** in the house. I was the lazy one.

Todd: Oh, I understand, I'm the same way. OK. Now in your family, who is very smart?

Katie: My brother is really, really **smart**. He actually went to Oxford University.

Todd: Whoa.

Script:

Katie: Yeah, he's very smart. But I didn't get any of that. My brother has all the smart *genes*.

Todd: Wow, that's a good school. OK. Who is very *fit*?

Katie: Hmm... Well, my dad is a chef and...

Todd: Oh, really?

Katie: Yeah. My dad makes really, really good food, so no one in my family is fit. We all eat too much food.

Todd: Oh, nobody exercises a lot?

Katie: Not really.

Todd: Oh, okay. Yeah, in my family, my dad is super *fit*.

Katie: (laugh)

Todd: OK. In your family, who is *talkative*?

Katie: Oh, I keep saying my mum for all of these but my mum is definitely the most talkative. She talks to anybody who - even people who she doesn't know. She will talk to anybody, *strangers* on the street, people she meets at the bus stop. She talks to everybody.

Script:

Todd: Oh, that's cool. Now, who is **quiet**?

Katie: Hmm, I think when he's meeting people for the first time, my brother is very quiet. He's very shy. He doesn't like speaking to new people a lot.

Todd: OK. Thanks a lot. Sounds like a nice family.

Katie: Yeah. I think so too.

Phrases and Vocabulary

looking out for

She's always *looking out for* everyone.

When you look out for someone, you make sure that they are taken care of. Notice the following:



1. My mom is always looking out for me.
2. Thanks for looking out for me.

obviously

Well *obviously*, my mum is very hardworking.

We say obviously for things that are easy to notice. Notice the following:



1. Obviously, it is warmer in summer.
2. On a test you should not cheat obviously.

chores

I would never help with any of the *chores* in the house.

Chores are basic tasks you do around the house like wash the dishes, take the trash, etc. Notice the following:



1. I do chores on the weekend.
2. What chores do you do around the house?

genes

My brother has all the smart *genes*.

Genes are elements that make people unique, both regarding appearance and personality. Notice the following:



1. Genes are passed down from your family.
2. He has good genes. Everyone is smart in his family.

fit



Yeah, in my family, my dad is super *fit*.

If you are fit, then you are very healthy and/or in good shape. Notice the following:

1. My dad is very fit.
2. I go to the gym to stay fit.

strangers

She will talk to anybody, *strangers* on the street.

A stranger is a person you do not know. Notice the following:



1. Do not talk to strangers on the street.
2. I do not like to talk to strangers.

Vocabulary Quiz

looking out for • obviously • chores
gene • fit • strangers

1. He runs every day. He is very .
2. My dad is always out for me.
3. He is not happy. He looks mad.
4. You can meet when you travel.
5. He has the smart in the family.
6. I did not finish all my .

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5. He has the smart **gene** in the family.
6. I did not finish all my **chores** .

1. *Answer these questions about the interview.*

2. 1) Who looks out for people?

3. ☐ a) Her mum
☐ b) Her dad
☐ c) Her brother

4.

5. 2) Who is very funny?

6. ☐ a) Her mom
☐ b) Her dad
☐ c) Her brother

7.

8. 3) Who is serious?

9. ☐ a) No one
☐ b) Everyone
☐ c) Just her dad

10.

11. 4) Who is hardworking?

12. ☐ a) Her mum
☐ b) Her dad
☐ c) Everyone

13.

14. 5) Who is really smart?

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SESSION 2- TALKING ABOUT FAMILY



Part 2: What would you say in the following situations? (More Idioms & collocations)



Like Father, Like Son

- **Meaning:** Sons inherit their fathers' traits and preferences, often even without realizing it.
- **Example:** *John was a great fisherman. His son Matt is also a great fisherman. Like father, like son.*

Run in the Family

- **Meaning:** Be inherited (as a trait) by multiple members of a family
- **Example:** *I'm not surprised Maria has started playing in a band. Musical talent runs in her family.*

One Big Happy Family

- **Meaning:** A group of people who live or work together and are very close

Family Man

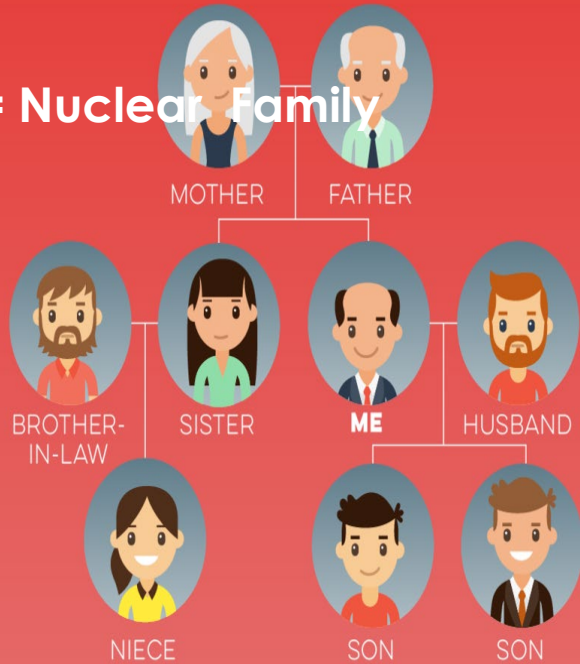
- **Meaning:** A man devoted to taking care of his wife and children

A Helicopter Parent

- Meaning:** a parent who overprotects and overcontrols their children, hovering around like a helicopter and monitoring everything that the children.
- Example:** His mum was a real helicopter parent and sent instructions to the kitchen on how to cook her son's rice for every meal.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY

= Nuclear Family



Type of Family

extended family



Nuclear family



= Immediate Family

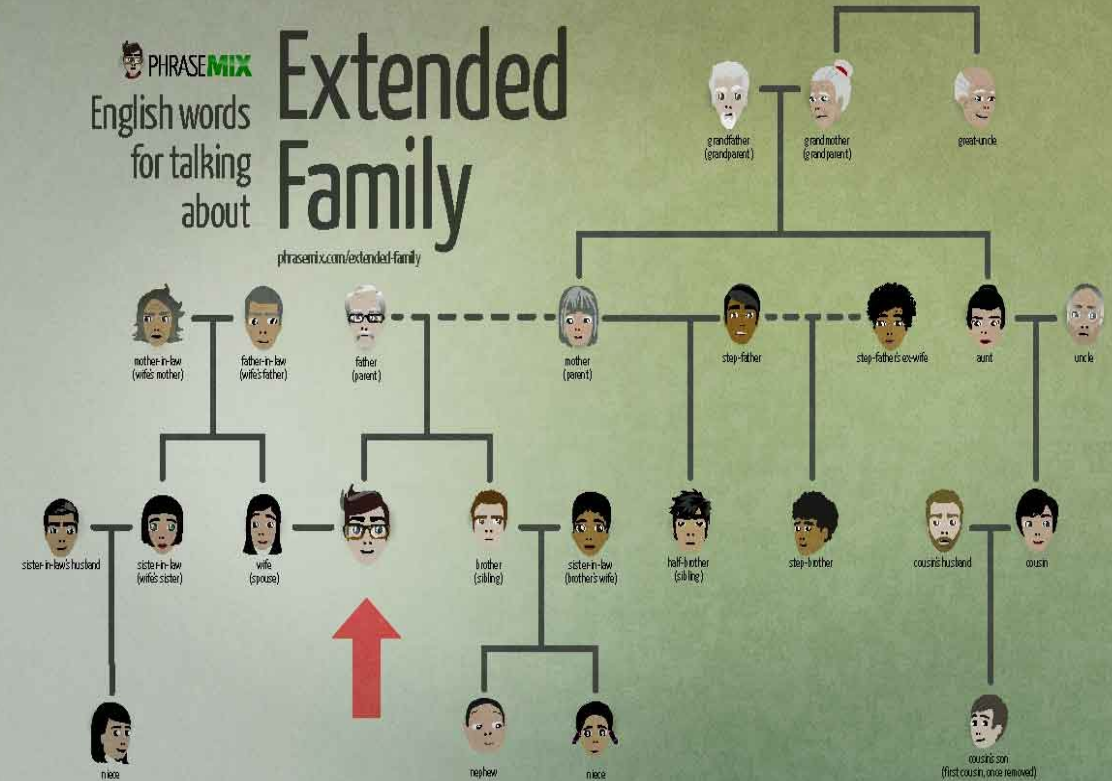
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Extended Family

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SESSION 2- TALKING ABOUT FAMILY



Part 3: Speaking Practice

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(Like Father, Like Son -Run in the Family- One Big Happy Family -Family Man- A Helicopter Parent)

Answer the following questions using some of the above idioms:

1. Tell me about your family.

Student : My family contents About my parent and one sister and my 2 brother.

Correction: My immediate family is made up of my parents, one sister and 2 brothers. My son is very talkative and he likes painting. Like father, like son. He doesn't like to wake up early and he likes math like addition and subtraction and he doesn't like to eat vegetables. It runs in the family. I am a helicopter parent.

Do you have a big family? / Would you like to have a big or a small family?

Student : Yes, I have a big family. My **eldest** son likes fruits .. Like father like son and my daughter likes watching Sci-fi/ science fiction movies and my **smallest** son likes technology. It runs in the family.

Correction: youngest

Are friends more important than family? What do you think?

Student : no, friends are not more important than family. / absolutely not. I always need them.

Correction: Absolutely, not because / coz I always need my family. They always support me. They always help me to do anything. But friends are also important but not more important than Family.



SESSION 2- TALKING ABOUT FAMILY

(Like Father, Like Son -Run in the Family- One Big Happy Family -Family Man- A Helicopter Parent)



Can you describe this picture?

Student : This happy family is made up of a grandfather, A grandmother, a wife, a husband, a daughter and a son. They talking all of them.

Correction: They are talking together and they are smiling
They are happy and they are having a good time.



SESSION 1- LIKES & DISLIKES

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Supplementary Material

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Make the present simple, positive, negative or question:

1. I _____ (be) in a café now.
2. 2. _____ (she / play) tennis every week?
3. 3. They _____ (go) to the cinema every Wednesday.
4. 4. _____ (she / be) a singer?
5. 5. You _____ (find) the weather here cold?
6. 6. _____ (they / be) on the bus?
7. 7. Lucy _____ (ride) her bicycle to work.
8. 8. Why _____ (he / be) in France?
9. 9. I _____ (not / play) the piano often.
10. 10. It _____ (not / be) cold today.
11. 11. We _____ (be) from Portugal.
12. 12. _____ (we / make) too much noise at night?
13. 13. Where _____ (Harry / study)?
14. 14. _____ (it / be) foggy today?
15. 15. We _____ (not / be) late.
16. 16. They _____ (not / like) animals.
17. 17. Where _____ (you / be)?
18. 18. He _____ (not / be) an accountant.
19. 19. _____ (the dog / eat) chicken?
20. 20. She _____ (be) my sister.



Thank you!😊