My English Family

**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.

**Todd**: Oh that-

**Katie**: Everyone is always joking.

**Todd**: Oh, what I 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 definitely 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.

**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.

**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

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

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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  .
7. *Answer these questions about the interview.*
8. 1) Who looks out for people? 
9.  a) Her mum  
    b) Her dad  
    c) Her brother
10. 2) Who is very funny? 
11.  a) Her mom  
     b) Her dad  
     c) Her brother
12. 3) Who is serious? 
13.  a) No one  
     b) Everyone  
     c) Just her dad
14. 4) Who is hardwoking? 
15.  a) Her mum  
     b) Her dad  
     c) Everyone
16. 5) Who is really smart? 
17.  a) Her mum  
     b) Her dad  
     c) Her brother

Answers:

*Answer these questions about the interview.*

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 c) Her brother

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5) Who is really smart? 

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 b) Her dad  
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