

Phonetics assignment

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Para-1

In Britain and around the world, the image of the family continues to change. The traditional Victorian family, in which the man is the breadwinner, the woman is the homemaker and the children numerous and obedient, is giving ways to new ideas about the modern family should look like.

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However, even in families with both parents present, many mothers are giving up the role of homemaker and pursuing their own careers. Some go on maternity leave after their children are born and then take up part-time work when the child is old enough to go to school. Others feel that the careers come first and wait until they have fully established their career before having children.

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Another area which has changed significantly is what happens before marriage. In the past, people lived with their parents until they got married, and each married was supposed to be a white wedding. Today, living together before marriage and pre-marital sex are considered normal, and many people try-out the relationship before getting married.

Para-4

Since many newspapers, especially their headlines, have little space to explain things in depth, they have developed a special vocabulary of their own. It features short words and tends to leave out articles and auxiliary verbs. Thus, they use 'back' for 'support', 'deal' for 'agreement', 'ban' for 'prohibit', 'talk' for 'discussion, negotiation', 'probe' for 'investigate', and so on. It also includes colourful words to draw the eye and add interest to a story. So, prices don't go up quickly, they rocket; police don't hurry to the scene of the crime, they race and so on. A headline that reads "drugs probe backs cig ban", might translate as, an investigation into drug abuse supports the prohibition of cigarette smoking.