Family and friends vocabulary

**father** – a man in relation to his child or children

**mother** – a  woman in relation to her child or children

**parent** – father or mother

**husband** – the male partner in a marriage; a married man

**wife** – the female partner in a marriage; a married woman

**spouse** – a husband or wife

**son** – a person’s boy child

**daughter** – a person’s girl child

**brother** – a male who has the same parents as another person

**sister** – a female who has the same parents as another person

**big brother / older brother**(or sister)**–**older than you

**little sister / younger sister**(or brother)**–**younger than you

- I have two **younger sisters** but I do wish I had an **older brother**.

**sibling** – a brother or sister

- I have three **siblings**, two brothers and a sister.

**twin** – either of two children born to the same mother on the same occasion

- My sister has just given birth to**twins**, a boy and a girl.

**identical twins –**twins who look exactly the same

- I have an **identical twin** brother and even our parents find it difficult to tell us apart.

**an only child** – a child who doesn’t have any brothers or sisters

- It can be lonely being **an only child** as you don’t have siblings to play with.

**uncle** – the brother of your mother or father

**aunt** – the sister of your mother or father

**nephew** – the male child of your brother or sister

**niece** – the female child of your brother or sister

**cousin** – a child of your uncle or aunt

**grandparents –**the parents of your parents

**grandfather –**the father of your mother or father

**grandmother –**the mother of your father or mother

**grandchildren –**the children of your children

**grandson –**the son of your son or daughter

**granddaughter –**the daughter of your son or daughter

A friend, a mate (workmate - colleague, teammate, roommate, flatmate, classmate), a buddy

Adjectives

Sociable, friendly, unsociable, unfriendly, talkative, quiet, peaceful, soft-spoken, energetic, active, vigorous, up-and-doing

* **close friend**: a very good friend.
* **enjoy each other's company**: to like spending time with each other.

*Steve and Noah are always together, they definitely enjoy each others company.*

* **get in touch with somebody**: to contact somebody.

*I plan to get in touch with my friends when I return home.*

* **near and dear to someone**: very important to someone.

*Her parents are the only people who are near and dear to her.*

* **to break up**: to end a relationship.

*It is hard to believe that Jacob and Sarah broke up. They were dating since high school.*

* **to drift apart**: to become less close to someone.

*As years went by, school friends drifted apart.*

* **to fall for someone (to fall in love with someone)**: to start loving somebody.*They were childhood friends, and he fell for her!*
* **to get on/along with somebody**: to have a good relationship with somebody.
* *I'm an outgoing person and I easily get on well with new people.*
* **to get to know someone**: to become acquainted with someone.

*I thought Jenna was selfish until I got to know her and understood her real character.*

* **to have a lot in common**: to have similar interests.
* **to keep in touch with someone**: to maintain contact with someone.
* *I keep in touch with my friends from high school, although we graduated five years ago.*
* **to lose touch with someone**: to lose contact with someone.

*I lost touch with Mary since she moved to Canada.*

* **to strike up (a conversation, a relationship)**: to start.

*I feel awkward when I strike up a conversation with unknown people.*

* **ups and downs**: a mixture of good and bad things that happen.
* *We're friends for almost 30 years! Surely we've had our ups and downs.*