

# 30 Day English Speaking Challenge: Family

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## Final Speaking Exam #1 – Topic: Family and Activities

**Scene:** We are at a high school reunion and see each other for the first time since high school.

### Sample conversation with Vanessa and Dan:

**Vanessa:** Hi, Dan. Do you remember me? I'm Vanessa. We used to sit next to each other in Mr. Jones's algebra class. You used to always borrow my calculator. Well, how's your family?

**Dan:** Hi, Vanessa. Of course, I remember you. I wouldn't have survived algebra if it weren't for you and your calculator. How's my family? Well, I don't know if you remember Kim, but she's a year younger than us, and we got married in 2005. After that, we started our family. We have three kids now. There's Joe who's 15, Sarah who's 12, and Caleb who's about to turn 9. How about you? Tell me about your family.

**Vanessa:** Well, I got married to Tim. We met at Ohio State, and now we have two daughters, Lindsey and Julia. They're 13 and 9. They're both really into soccer, so they both play for local teams, and we've traveled quite a bit on the weekends for their games. It keeps us pretty busy. What about your kids? What activities are they into?

**Dan:** Well, Joe is into acting, so he's practicing for a school play right now. Sarah does gymnastics, and she practices twice a week, and then she goes to meets on the weekend. Caleb just started basketball, and he joined a local league. So we're pretty busy.

**Vanessa:** Wow, that sounds like a really busy schedule. Do you get to do any activities together as a family?

Dan: Actually, we're going skiing over spring break. I don't know if you remember, but I used to ski a lot with my parents when I was younger. So we're going to a family reunion in Colorado. My kids are looking forward to skiing with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Vanessa: Wow, that sounds like a really great time. Well, it was nice to see you and catch up, Dan.

Dan: Great to see you, Vanessa.

Vanessa: Bye.

### **Your exam conversation:**

Vanessa: Hey, do you remember me? I'm Vanessa. We used to sit next to each other in Mr. Jone's algebra class, and you used to borrow my calculator all the time. Anyway, how's your family?

Your Answer:

Vanessa: Well, I got married to Tim. We met at Ohio State, and now we have two daughters, Linsey and Julia. They're 13 and 9 years old. They both love soccer, so they both play on a local team, which means that we travel quite a bit on the weekends to go to the games. How about you? What activities do you do?

Your Answer:

Vanessa: That sounds great. It certainly sounds like a busy schedule. Do you do any activities together with your family?

Your Answer:

That sounds like a lot of fun. Well, it was nice to see you and catch up. I'll see you later. Bye.