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## 1 Family/ Person

### Personal

- **Bring out the best**  
cause someone to behave as his best
- **Partners in crime**  
close friends who get in trouble together
- **to be the life and soul of the party:**  
a fun person, someone who is the centre of activity
- **Confide in**  
trust

### Career

**learn something the hard way:** learn something by experience, especially by an unpleasant experience

**to bend over backwards:** to try very hard to help someone

**easy-going:** relaxed and not easily worried about anything

**extrovert:** an energetic person who likes the company of others

**fair-minded:** to treat people equally

**fun-loving:** to enjoy having fun

**broad-minded:** prepared to accept other views or behaviors, he is so broad minded that I feel comfortable even to discuss about my family issues.

Mr. Know-it-all : someone who act as if he knows everything bottom line

### **Vocabulary:**

**to hide one's light under a bushel:** to hide one's talents and skills

**good company:** enjoyable to socialise with

**good sense of humour:** the ability to understand what is funny

**introvert:** someone who is shy

**laid-back:** see 'easy-going'

**to lose one's temper:** to suddenly become angry

**narrow minded:** opposite of 'broad-minded' (see above)

**painfully shy:** very shy

**to put others first:** to think of others before yourself

**quick-tempered:** to become angry quickly

**reserved:** shy

**self-assured:** confident

**self-centred:** thinks only of oneself

**self-confident:** believes in one's own ability or knowledge

**self-effacing:** to not try to get the attention of others (especially in terms of hiding one's skills or abilities)

**to take after:** to be like (often another member of the family)

**thick-skinned:** not easily affected by criticism

**trustworthy:** can be trusted

**two-faced:** not honest or sincere. Will say one thing to someone to their face and another when they are not present.

**love someone/ something to the moon and back:** love someone/

something more than anything

• **get along well:** have a harmonious or friendly relationship

• **have ... in common:** to share interests or characteristics

• **take after:** resemble (a parent or ancestor)

• **splitting image:** a person who bears a strong physical resemblance to another, esp to a relative

• **2 sides of the same coin:** very closely related although they seem different

• **partners in crime:** good friends who get in trouble together or get each other in trouble

**impulsive (a):** acting suddenly without thinking carefully about what might happen because of what you are doing

• **lost count:** to fail to be able to count someone or something, especially because there are so many

• **play the victim:** the act of pretending to be the one who has been done wrong to manipulate others or seek attention

• **back someone up = have one's back:** support or help someone

• **put the blame on = blame something on someone = blame someone**

**for something:** say that someone or something has done something bad

•• **in someone's defense:** used at the beginning of a sentence to indicate that the subsequent statement will justify some action or decision one made

### **Breadwinners**

Who earns money in the family

## 2 Favorite e.g. Movie / Actor / Program / Novel / Sports

### Favorite

best-loved, most-liked,  
favored, dearest, treasured

### Talking about a movie?

- **Lose count**  
Forget how many times of something there are, especially because the number is so high
- **Sentimental**  
Emotional
- **Couch potato**  
(idiom): a person who spend a great deal of time watching TV
- **Channel surf**  
(expression): change frequently from one channel to the other
- **Catch someone's attention** (expression): attracts someone
- **Emphasize (v):**  
play special importance on something
- **Adversity (n)**  
Difficulty
- **Broadcast (v):**  
transmit by Radio or TV
- **Passionate (a)**  
have a strong feeling for something
- **Watch the box** (idiom):  
watch TV

### Favorite song?

My favorite song/track/number is "Ekushe February"

It's a **timeless classic**

It's a **smash hit** (very popular)

The **melody** of this song is splendid. Even the instrumental piece (no words, only music) is great

- **Provoke (v):** stimulate something
- **Encounter (v):** meet or contend against
- **Be up to one's eyeballs** (idiom): to be very busy with something
- **Boost (v):** to make something increase, or become better or more successful
- **Complexity (n):**  
the state of being formed of many parts; the state of being difficult to understand
- **Sentimental (a):**  
producing emotions such as pity, romantic love or sadness, which may be too strong or not appropriate; feeling these emotions too much
- **Adaptation (n):**  
a film/movie, book or play that is based on a particular piece of work but that has been changed for a new situation
- **Wounded (a):**  
feeling emotional pain because of something unpleasant that somebody has said or done
- **Reconcile (v):**  
to make people become friends again after an argument or a disagreement
- **Entertaining (a):**  
interesting and amusing
- **Underlying (a):** important in a situation but not always easily noticed or stated clearly
- **Shout-out (n):** a message of congratulation, support, or appreciation
- **Hit rock bottom** (idiom): to reach the lowest possible level or be in the worst possible situation
- **Run out of:** (of a supply of something) be used up

### 3 City/ Hometown/Journey/Transportation

#### City

- **Separated from:** apart from, away from; in a different part of a place; "The children's play area is separated from the main part of the building"
- **hustle and bustle:** describes the noise and high level of activity
- **city life in:** "The city life in New York is famous for the variety of things you can do while there: Broadway shows, concerts, restaurants, bars, museums and so much more."
- **Over a nice cup of coffee/tea** you are doing something, like visiting, while you drink a cup of tea;
- **hang out with my friends:** to spend time with friends, talking, relaxing, visiting;
- **to make time for:** to prioritize things so that you have time to do a certain thing that you want;
- **located on a quiet street**
- **hanging gardens:** plants and flowers that are hanging in pots from the ceiling;
- **escape from reality**

#### Hometown

#### Journey

- **Set off:** start a journey
- **all-in package/package holiday:** a holiday where you purchase the travel and accommodation together
- **brehtaking view:** an extremely beautiful view
- **charter-flight:** a cheaper form of flying than a scheduled flight
- **check-in desk:** the place at the airport where you register for your flight and deposit your luggage
- **Check in**
- **Take off**
- **Destination**
- **departure lounge:** where you wait for your flight to be called
- **far-off destination:** somewhere a long way away
- **to get away from it all:** to take a holiday to escape a busy or stressful lifestyle

- **guided tour:** an organised group shown around a place of interest by an expert
- **holiday brochure:** a glossy publication with details of holiday packages
- **holiday destination:** where you go for a holiday
- **holiday of a lifetime:** a special holiday that you are unlikely to repeat
- **holiday resort:** a place where lots of people go for a holiday
- **hordes of tourists:** crowds of tourists
- **local crafts:** objects produced locally
- **long weekend:** an extended weekend holiday including Friday or Monday
- **out of season:** outside of the main holiday period
- **picturesque village:** very pretty village
- **passport control:** the place where your passport is checked
- **places of interest:** sites of interest to tourists
- **wildlife safari:** a holiday, often in Africa, to observe wild animals
- **self-catering:** a holiday where you supply your own food
- **short break:** a short holiday
- **to go sightseeing:** to look around the tourist sites
- **stunning landscape:** extremely beautiful countryside
- **travel agent:** a shop that specialises in booking holidays
- **tourist trap:** somewhere where too many tourists go
- **youth hostel:** a cheap form of accommodation

#### Memory/ feelings

- **Amiable** Friendly
- **Amazement** A feeling of great surprise
- **conventional** Traditional ; ordinary

## 4 Workplace

### Work

- **Manual work**  
work that requires physical activities
- **To meet a deadline**  
to finish a job on time
- **A heavy workload**  
to have a lot of work to do
- **To be your own boss/run your own business/be self-employed:**  
to have your own business
- **To be stuck behind a desk:**  
to be unhappy in office job  
Example: Working full-time in an office can lead to being stuck behind a desk.
- **One of the perks of the job:**  
an extra benefit you get from a job  
Example: Extra meal is one of the perks of the job, which make employees more satisfied
- **Volume of work:**  
workload
- **Earn a good living**  
Example: I had a substantial volume of work – private students and marking exams – and was able to earn a good living
- **Fast-track scheme:**  
system for rapid training and promotion of talented staff
- **Move up the ladder:**  
being promoted  
Example: I was put on a fast-track scheme and was moving up the ladder fast
- **Throw a sickie:**  
take a day off work pretending to be sick  
Example: I don't like my job so I throw a sickie from time to time
- **Get the sack:**  
be dismissed

<b>Idioms (work)</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>IELTS questions and answers or relevant sentences</b>
To climb the corporate ladder	To move up in the hierarchy of a corporation	
<b>To be called for an interview</b>	to be invited to attend an interview	Although he has been called for an interview,

		he hasn't got a job yet.
<b>Daily Grind</b>	<b>boring day to day work</b>	
<b>A nine-to-five job</b>	a normal job that consists of an 8 hour a day	

## 5 Activity / Game / new task

### Activity

- **commitment (n):**  
the willingness to work hard and give your energy and time to a job or an activity
- **self-discipline (n):**  
the ability to make yourself do something, especially something difficult or unpleasant
- **far-fetched (a):**  
very difficult to believe
- **Go without saying (that)**  
to be completely obvious or true
- **To some/a certain/a limited extent (phrase)**  
partly, but not completely
- **Entrepreneur (noun)**  
someone who uses money to start businesses and make business deals
- **Garment (noun)**  
a piece of clothing. This word is used especially when talking about the production and sale of clothes
- **Acute (adj)**  
used for describing the senses and abilities of someone who notices things very quickly and easily
- **Apparel (noun)**  
a word for clothes, used especially in stores or other businesses

### New Task

- Work flat out - work extremely hard
- Buckle down – start working seriously
- Go the extra miles – do more
- **appreciation (n):**  
pleasure that you have when you recognize and enjoy  
the good qualities of somebody/something
- **in terms of:**  
used to show what aspect of a subject you are talking about  
or how you are thinking about it
- **Face up to (something/somebody)** to  
confront with courage someone or something representing a threat or unpleasantness.
- **Compensation package (phrase)** the salary and other benefits that an employee receives
- **Comfort zone (idiom)** a situation or position in which a person feels secure, comfortable, or in control
- **Fulfill one's dream (collocation)** realize a dream, make dream come true

## 6 House/ Food / Restaurant

### House

- Spacious & cozy
- Duplex building
- desirable location
- a famous landmark
- spectacular views
- the best vantage (a place or position affording a good view of something) point

### Apartment

- **Low-rise building**
- **house-hunting**  
looking for an accommodation
- rented accommodation
- put down a deposit
- **take out a mortgage:** to borrow a large amount of money, paid back over several years, in order to buy a house
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### Food

- **to be full up:**  
to eat to the point that you can no longer eat any more
- **to be starving hungry:**  
an exaggerated way of saying you are very hungry
- **to bolt something down:**  
to eat something very quickly
- **to be dying of hunger:**  
an exaggerated way of saying you are hungry
- **to eat a balanced diet:**  
to eat the correct types and amounts of food
- **to eat like a horse:**  
to eat a lot
- **to follow a recipe:**  
to cook a meal using instructions
- **to foot the bill:**  
to pay the bill
- **a fussy eater:**  
somebody who has their own very high standards about what to eat
- **to grab a bite to eat:**  
to eat something quickly (when you're in a rush)
- **to have a sweet tooth:**  
to enjoy sugary food
- **home-cooked food:**  
food cooked at home from individual ingredients
- **the main meal:**  
the most important meal of the day, usually eaten in the evening
- **to make your mouth water:**

to make you feel very hungry for something

- **to play with your food:**  
to push food around the plate to avoid eating it
- **processed food:**  
commercially prepared food bought for convenience
- **a quick snack:**  
to eat a small amount of food between meals
- **a ready meal:**  
see 'processed food'
- **a slap up meal:**  
a large meal
- **to spoil your appetite:**  
to eat something that will stop you feeling hungry when it's meal-time.
- **a take away:**  
a cooked meal prepared in a restaurant and eaten at home
- **to tuck into:**  
to eat something with pleasure
- **to wine and dine:**  
to entertain someone by treating them to food and drink
- **to work up an appetite:**  
to do physical work that leads to you becoming hungry



## 7 Device/ Technology / Gift

### Device/Technology

- Getting off the grid
- the information superhighway
- go offline
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### Gift

- **It is better to give to receive**  
it's a nicer feeling to give someone a present than it is to get one yourself
- **Care package- (n.)**  
box of stuff someone sends you, usually because you are away from home or having a tough time
- **Magnanimous- (adj.)**  
extremely generous
- **Lavish- (adj.)**  
extravagant; very expensive
- **sentimental value**
- **the value is irreplaceable**

### Idioms

IELTS Speaking Idioms (family)	Meaning	IELTS questions and answers or relevant sentences
<b>It's not rocket science</b>	Not very difficult	
<b>Bells and whistles</b>	something has all of the additional pieces and add-ons	
<b>You don't have to reinvent the wheel</b>	you don't need to create a new process when there is one	

## 8 Entertainment/ Event / birthday party

### Entertainment

- **Scream out loud:**  
to give a loud, high cry, because you are hurt, frightened, excited, etc. (in this situation: excited).  
Example: I screamed out loud when I saw my old friend.
- **lose my patience:** [verb phrase] to become annoyed or angry as a result of a delay.  
Example: The train is now 1 hour late, and I am **losing my patience**.
- **stand [something]:** [verb] to dislike – used especially in negative sentences. Example: I like John, but I can't **stand** his sister, she is very rude.
- **the early hours:** [expression] early in the morning, for example about 2, 3 or 4 am.

### Song

- vocal range
- hit the high note
- out of tune

### Party

- **Trip down memory lane**  
This idiom in English refers to an **occasion** when people remember or talk about things that happened in the past.

## 9 Education/ Study

### Education

- **to attend classes:**  
to go to classes
- **bachelors degree:**  
an undergraduate course which usually lasts 3-4 years
- **boarding school:**  
a school where pupils live during term time
- **distance learning:**  
a way of studying where tuition is carried out over the Internet or by post
- **face-to-face classes:**  
as opposed to distance learning the traditional way of studying in a classroom with colleagues and a teacher
- **to fall behind with your studies:**  
to progress less quickly than others
- **to give feedback:**  
to offer guidance on a student's work
- **a graduation ceremony:**  
an event where a successful student receives his or her academic degree
- **higher education:**  
education, usually in a college or university, that is followed after high school or secondary school
- **an intensive course:**  
a course that offers lots of training in order to reach a goal in as short a time as possible
- **to keep up with your studies:**  
to not fall behind
- **to learn something by heart:**  
to memorize it
- **a mature student:**  
a student who is older than average and who has usually returned to education after a period at work
- **masters degree:**  
a period of study which often follows the completion of a bachelors degree or is undertaken by someone regarded as capable of a higher-level academic course
- **to meet a deadline:**  
to finish a job or task in the time allowed or agreed
- **to play truant:**  
to stay away from classes without permission
- **private language school:**  
an independent school run as a business concern
- **public schools:**  
exclusive independent schools in the UK
- **a single-sex school:**  
a school where only boys or girls attend (as opposed to a mixed-sex school)
- **to sit an exam:**  
to take an exam
- **state school:**  
a school paid for by public funds and available to the general public
- **subject specialist:**  
a teacher who has a great deal of knowledge about the subject they teach.
- **to take a year out:**  
to spend a year working or travelling before starting university
- **tuition fees:**  
the money paid for a course of study
- **to work your way through university:**  
to have a paid job whilst studying to support yourself financially

## 10 Business

- **Run the business**
- **get the best offer/deal**  
Ex: you should go to **street vendors** if you want to get the best offer
- **ask for a bargain**  
Ex: you should ask for a bargain for whatever you buy or else you will be ripped off
- **merchandise**  
Ex: there are plenty of merchandises I want to buy when going shopping
- **refund policy**  
Ex: I never buy anything at a store that doesn't have refund policy
- **Competitor**  
Ex: one of the things that companies face with is their competitors
- **Unpleasing product**  
Ex: unpleasing products should be returned within 15 days
- **Customer base**  
Ex: a healthy company is the one that has large customer base
- **Expand its chain**  
Ex: after working in clothes industry for 5 years, the firm decided to expand its chain to Asian countries
- **Physical store**  
Ex: I prefer going to physical store to online store