



What Is This Module About?

New discoveries and technologies are changing people's lifestyles. These changes affect the family.

Families today have to cope with new technologies such as televisions, telephones, computers and others. A family also has to deal with changing economic situations. For instance, a parent may leave his or her family for some time to work in another country. At other times, a family may have to move from one place to another.

How about women in the workplace? Some women no longer stay home and remain housewives. Today, more and more women are involved in business and politics. These are some of the changes that affect families today.

This module will help you understand these changes. It has three lessons:

Lesson 1 — *The Family Today*

Lesson 2 — *Coping With Today's Problems*

Lesson 3 — *Global Issues and the Family*



What Will You Learn From This Module?

After studying this module, you should be able to:

- ◆ describe the different types of families;
- ◆ describe the different forms of single parenthood;
- ◆ explain how families should deal with problems affecting them; and
- ◆ identify and explain the global issues that affect a family.



Let's See What You Already Know

Before we go on with the lessons, let's start with a simple activity. This will test what you already know about our topic. In the space on the left, write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if it is false. If the statement is false explain why.

- _____ 1. Children raised by single parents have no family to speak of.

- _____ 2. Once a parent becomes a widow/widower, he or she is considered to have lost his/her family.

- _____ 3. Working abroad poses no problems to a family especially those who will be left behind.

- _____ 4. Technology is always beneficial to a family.

- _____ 5. Women today should no longer agree to be just plain housewives.

- _____ 6. The family is not affected by issues like those regarding AIDS.

Well, how was it? Do you think you fared well? Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 43.

If all your answers are correct, very good! This shows that you already know much about the topics in this module. You may still study the module to review what you already know. Who knows, you might learn a few more new things as well.

If you got a low score, don't feel bad. This means that this module is for you. It will help you understand some important concepts that you can apply in your daily life. If you study this module carefully, you will learn the answers to all the items in the test and a lot more! Are you ready?

You may now go to the next page to begin Lesson 1.

The Family Today

What do you think of when you hear the word “family”? You probably think of a family composed of a father, a mother and a child/children. But do you know that because of many developments in society today, the family as it was known before is changing.

Economic development, urbanization, cultural changes, developments in science and technology—all these affect a family. You will learn more about these changes in this lesson.

After studying this lesson, you should be able to:

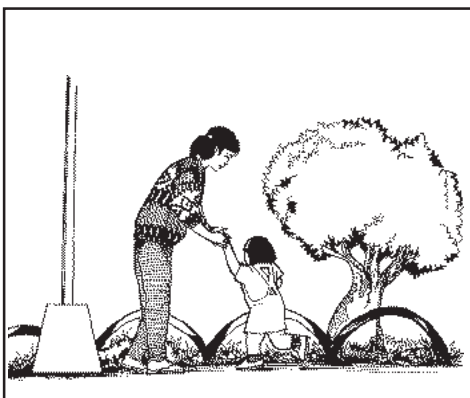
- ◆ describe the different types of families; and
- ◆ describe the different forms of single parenthood.



Let's Try This

The pictures below show different types of families at present. Describe each of them. Write your answers in the spaces provided.



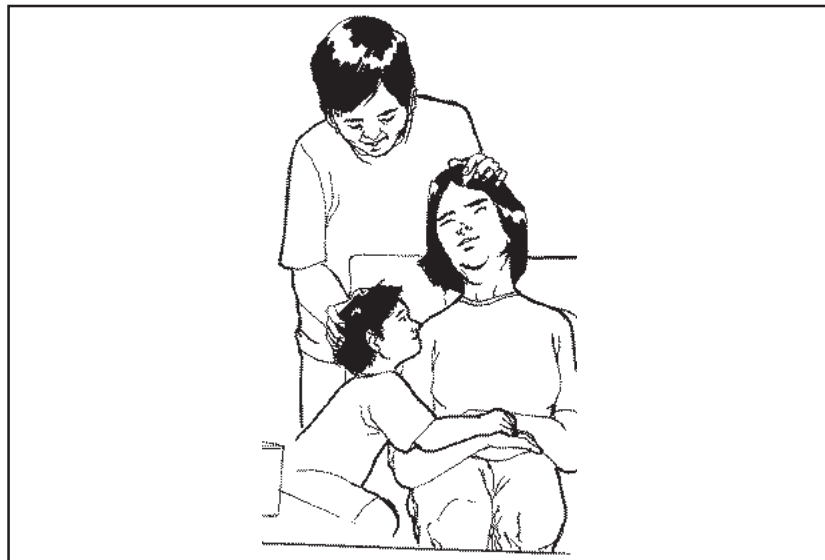


The first picture shows the type of family that we are more familiar with. This is the family composed of a father, a mother and a daughter or a son. The second picture shows another type of family with only one parent and a child. Let's find out more about these types of families.



Let's Learn

Family where both parents are present. This is the type of family we are more familiar with. The father, mother and child/children all live together. Many Filipino families are still structured this way.



Family where only a father or a mother is present. In this type of family, only one parent takes care of and raises the child or children. The parent is then called a **single parent**.





Let's Try This

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. What type of family do you have?

2. If you belong to a family where only one parent is present, what is the reason behind this? You may write down more than one reason.

If you belong to a family where both parents are present, good! This type of family is considered ideal. Both the mother and father can share the task of raising the children. However, there is nothing wrong with belonging to a family where only one of the parents is present. There are many reasons why some parents cannot be present at all times to look after and raise their children. Read on to find out more.



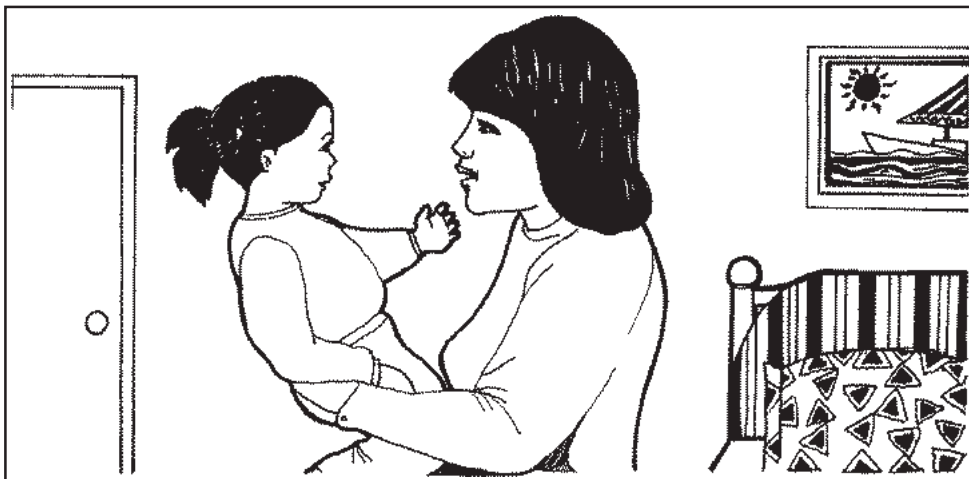
Let's Learn

Single parenthood can result from the following:

Unwed men or women. There are women or men who decide or are compelled by circumstances to have children without getting married and raise them on their own.

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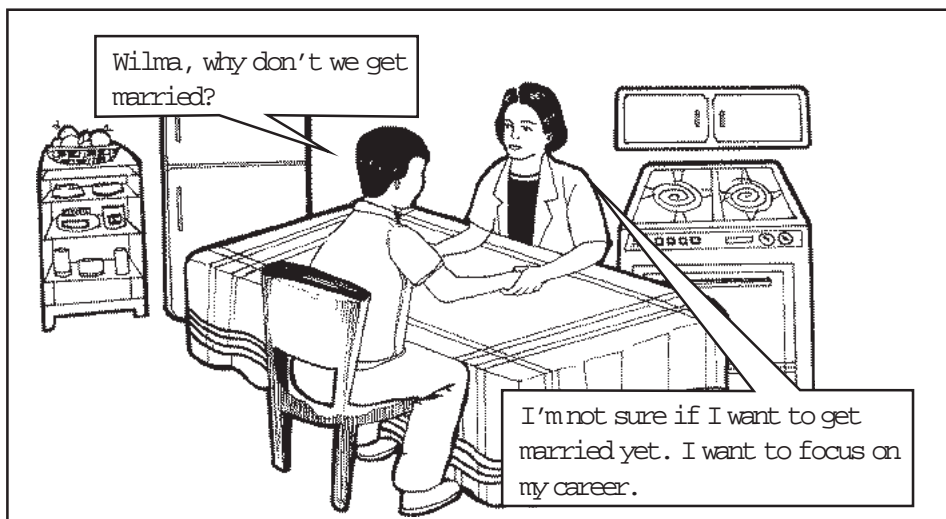
Wilma is 28 years old. She has a two-year-old daughter named Eva.



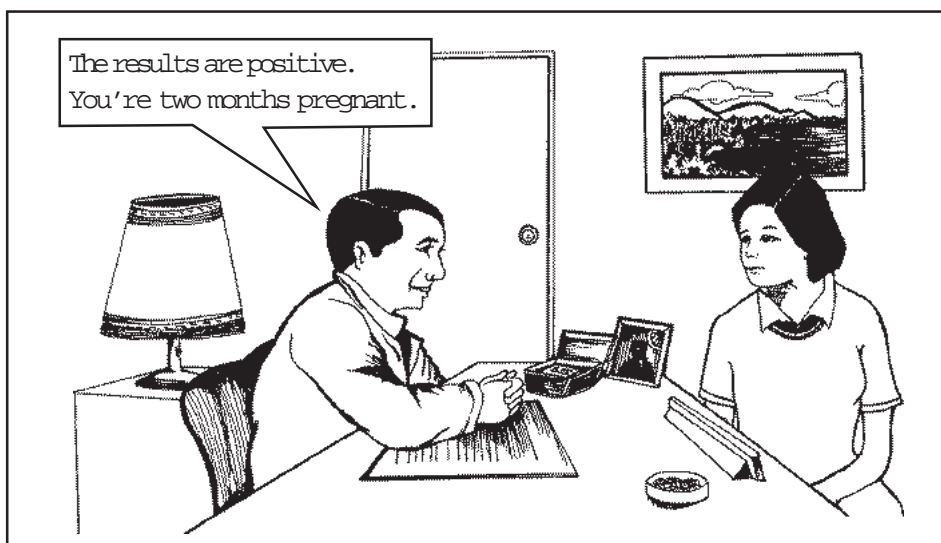
When Wilma was 26, she was already a manager at the Philippine Bank.



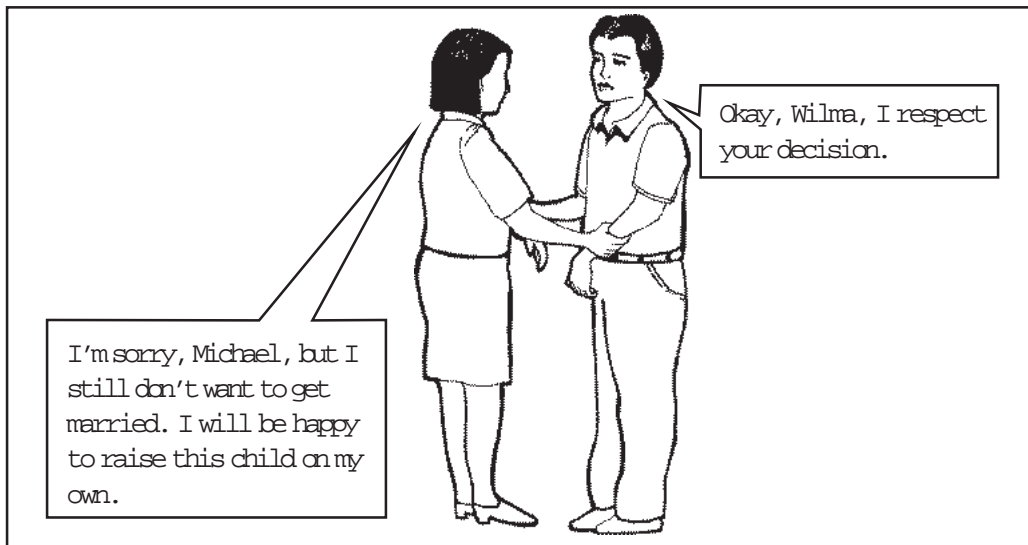
During that time, Wilma was in a relationship with Michael.



After a few months, Wilma discovered she was pregnant.



Wilma was happy but she still did not want to get married.



Let's Review

Answer the question below based on the comic strip you just read. Write your answer in the space provided.

Why did Wilma make the decision to raise the child on her own?

Compare your answer with mine:

It was Wilma's personal decision to raise the child on her own. She felt that she did not want to get married yet. She wanted to focus on her career.



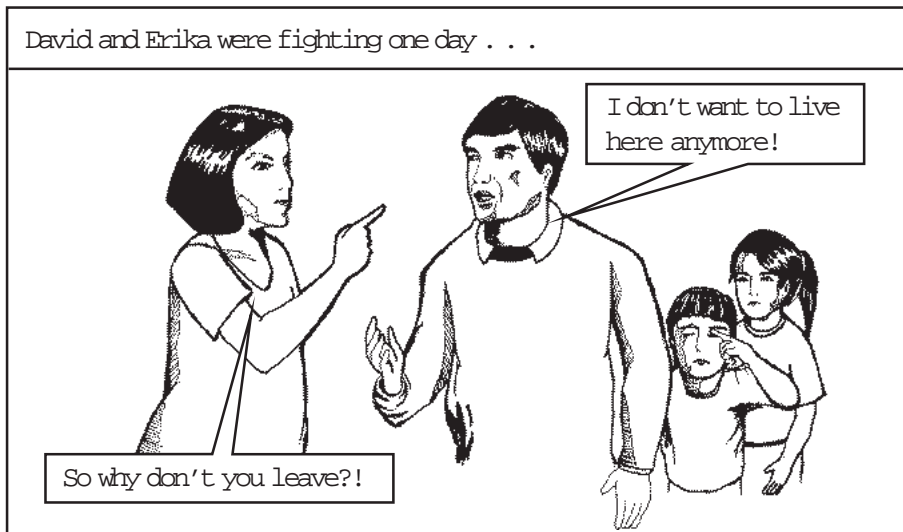
Let's Learn

Now below is another reason why these are single-parent families.

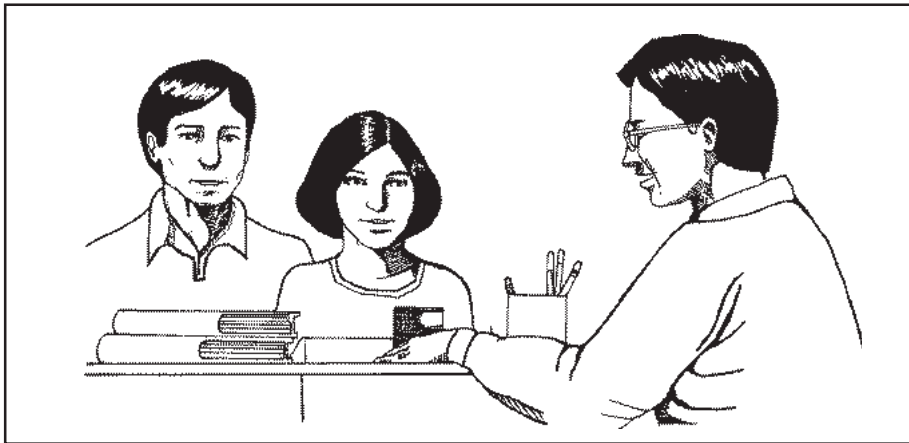
Separated parents. There are parents who decide to live apart from each other and only one parent lives with the child.

Separation can occur because of differences between husband and wife. The husband and wife can legally separate from each other. In the Philippines, this is done through an annulment. This means that the marriage will be dissolved by the law. This process takes a long time. It involves going to court and fighting custody. Getting custody of the children means having the right to care for them. The children will then live with the parent who is granted custody.

Let's see an example of this. Read the story below.



They decided to separate. They went to court to get an annulment.



After a long process and much deliberation, the court granted their petition for annulment. Erika was granted custody of the children. This meant that the children would live with her.

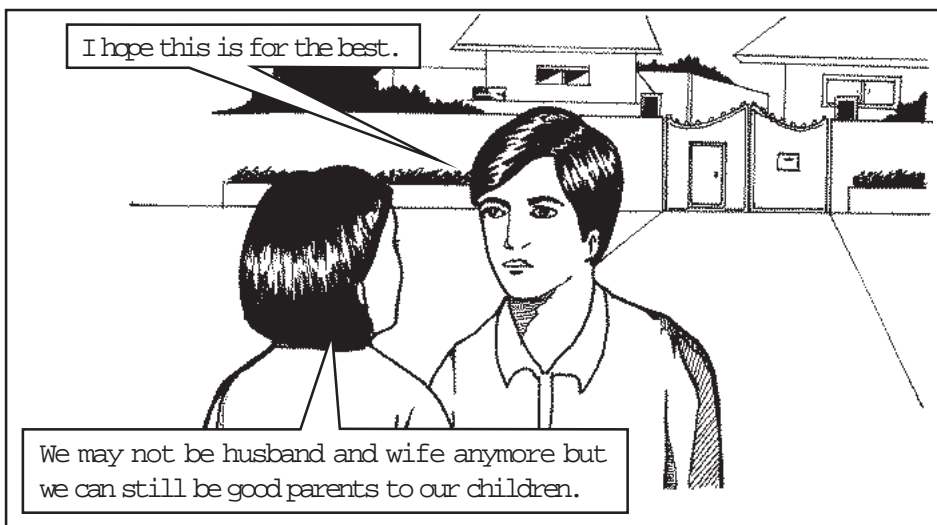




That night, David said goodbye to the children.



David talked to Erika before leaving.





Let's Review

Answer the following questions based on what you just read. Write your answers in the spaces provided below.

1. Why did Erika and David separate?

2. How do Erika and David plan to raise their children after their separation?

Were you able to answer all the questions? Let's find out if your answers are correct. Compare your answers with mine.

1. Erika and David separated because they were always fighting.
2. After their separation, Erika and David still plan to raise their children together. They have agreed to remain friends for their children's sake.

The roles of David and Erika are still that of father and mother. Even if they are separated, they are still the parents of Mario and Luis. So they will still have to fulfill their role as guardians and provide for the children's basic needs.



Let's Learn

We will now discuss the third reason why there are single-parent families.

Widowed parents. This happens when one of the parents dies, leaving the other to take care of the children alone.

Read the comic strip below.





Let's Try This

Answer the question below.

What other types of families, beside what we have discussed, are you aware of?

When you are done, you may show your answer to your Instructional Manager and discuss it with him/her.



Let's Remember

- ◆ Types of families:
 - where both parents are present
 - where only a father or a mother is present
- ◆ Kinds of single parents:
 - unwed men or women
 - separated
 - widowed

Coping With Today's Problems

Think of the times when there was still no electricity. These were the times when most families still worked in the fields. Cars and buses were unheard of. People had to travel long distances by foot or by boat. Families then had to work hard.

Most families back then were large. This is because the more children a family had, the more hands were available to help with the farming and household work. Remember, everything back then was done manually and without the help of electricity! Today, technology has greatly changed the world we live in, including our families.

In this lesson, you will learn about the many problems facing families today.

After studying this lesson, you should be able to:

- ◆ explain how families should deal with temporary separation;
- ◆ describe how families should deal with migration; and
- ◆ discuss how families should deal with developments in technology.



Let's Try This

Study the diagram below. What do you think does it mean? Write your answer in the space provided.



Let's find out if your answer is correct. Your answer must be similar to the one below.

Poverty is one of the factors that can lead people to seek overseas employment. When parents work overseas, they are temporarily separated from their families.

According to studies, more than 50 percent of Filipino families remain poor. A lot of family members in urban and rural areas are forced to work abroad. This is a common situation for many Filipino families.

When a family member begins to work abroad, he or she is temporarily separated from his/her family.



Let's Think About This

What do you think is the effect of temporary separation (to work overseas) on a family?

Family members who work abroad can experience loneliness. For those who were left behind, discipline and guidance can be a hard thing to enforce because of the loss of one parent.

Some parents who are left behind often feel alone and sad. This can lead to broken relationships or failed marriages. One reason for this is the lack of communication and trust between the parent who is abroad and the partner who is left behind.

How do we solve problems caused by temporary separations? Read on to learn the answer.



Let's Learn

Separation and Loneliness of Family Members

Families can cope with separation through communication. This involves writing letters, sending telegrams, using the computer to e-mail a loved one, and making phone calls. No matter how far away a family member may seem, he/she can still feel loved through communication. Love can be kept alive and strong this way, despite the distance.

Special events like birthdays or holidays are opportunities for the family to show their love even if long distances separate them.



Difficulties in Enforcing Discipline and Guidance on the Children

Again, communication is key. The parent who is left behind often feels that taking care of the children all alone is too much for him/her to handle. What this parent must do is try to talk to the children more often and explain the situation to them.

Most of the time, children who are difficult to discipline just lack attention and love. Children should be reassured that the parent who is away still loves them. This can be done by the parent who is left behind. As for the parent in another place, he or she must still communicate frequently with the child to reassure the child of his/her love.



Let's Try This

Listed below are some situations wherein a family member is temporarily separated. Give your advice regarding each situation.

1. Mang Jose works in Saudi Arabia. He is a construction worker there. He has been in Saudi for six years now. He really misses his family. What can his family do to make him happy?

2. Angel is a nurse in Chicago, U.S.A. She will be celebrating her birthday in three days. She feels sad because no one will celebrate it with her. Her sister, Rose, who is in the Philippines, wants to organize a party for Angel. Is this a good idea? Why or why not?

3. Diding is a helper in Hong Kong. She has not seen her son, Boboy, for four years now. When she goes back to the Philippines, she wants her son to still love and care for her. Her husband Tony wants to help her. How can Tony help her?

Do you think you have given good advice? Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 43.



Let's Read

With the changes in the Philippine economy, more workers seek jobs abroad. Others want to move to other countries with their families. Below is a story that shows how a family dealt with migration.

Characters:

Romeo, the father


Rose, the mother

Ana, the ten-year-old daughter

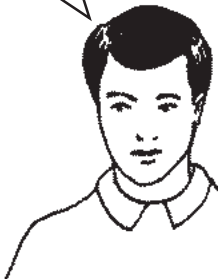
Jon-Jon, the six-year-old son

One day, Romeo received a letter.


Your application has been approved.



My application to work as a computer technician in Canada has been approved?

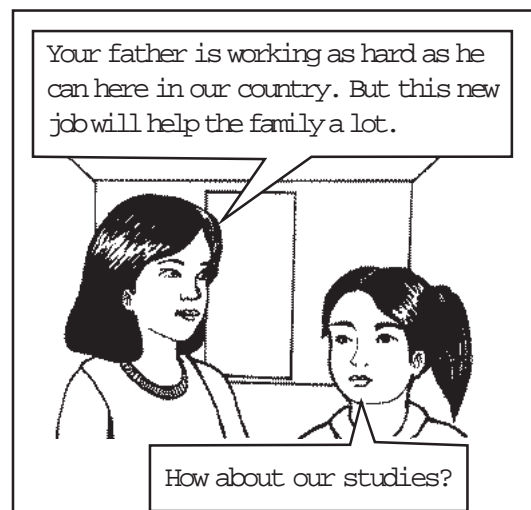
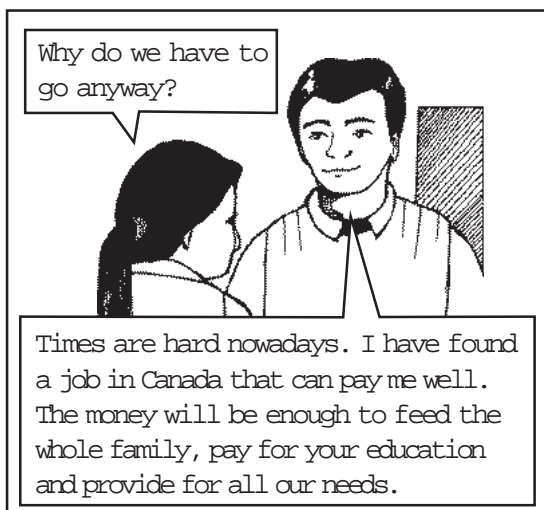
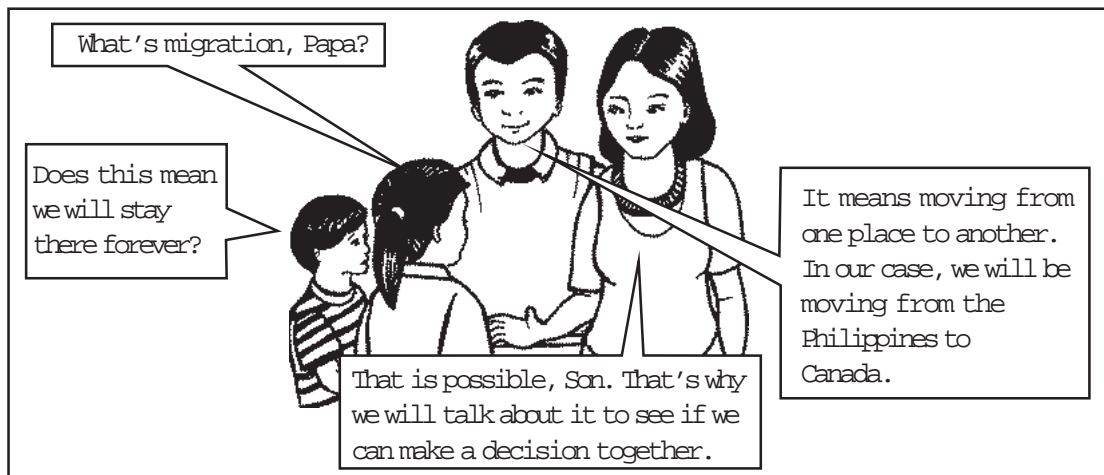


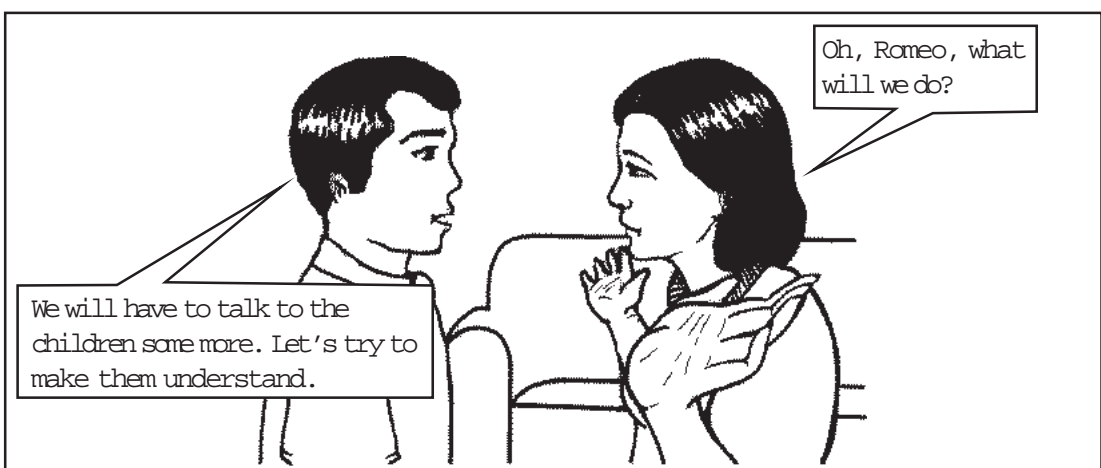
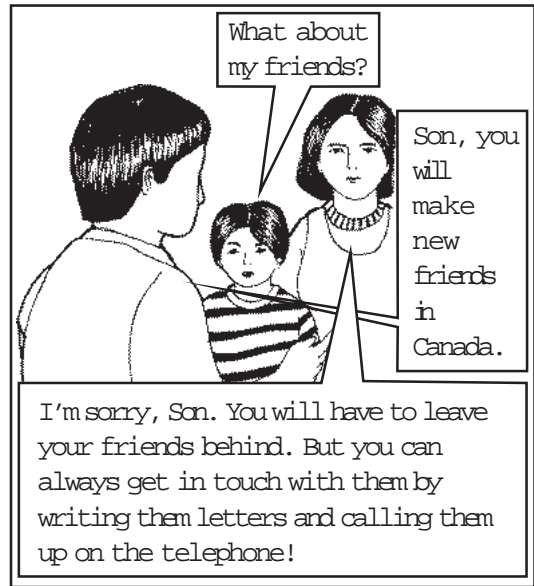
Congratulations, honey! But what does this mean?



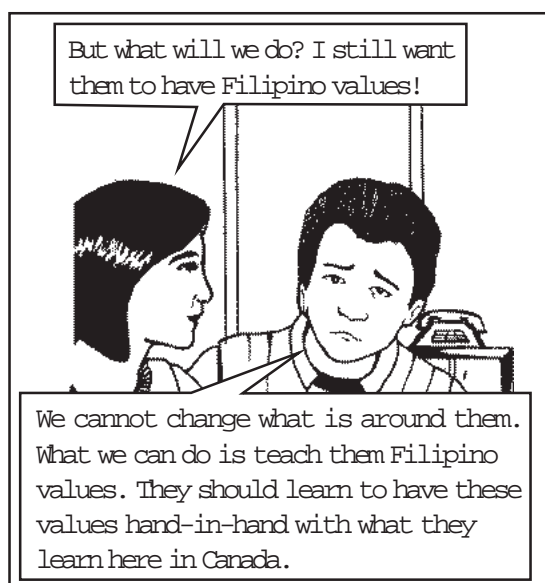
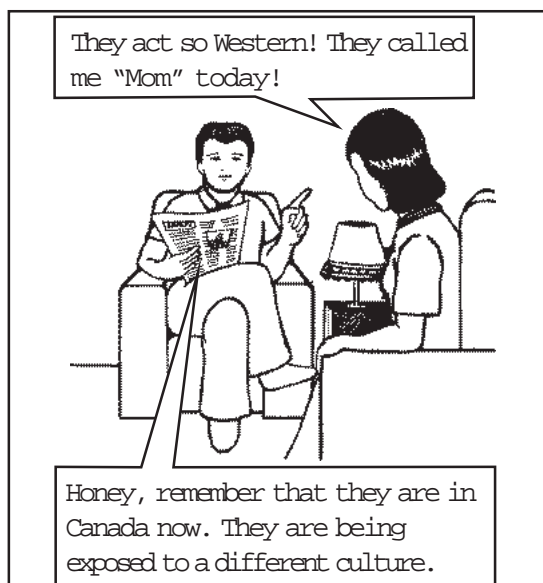
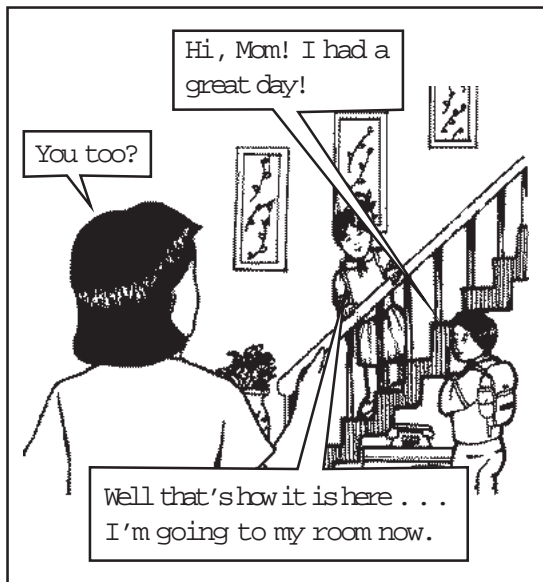
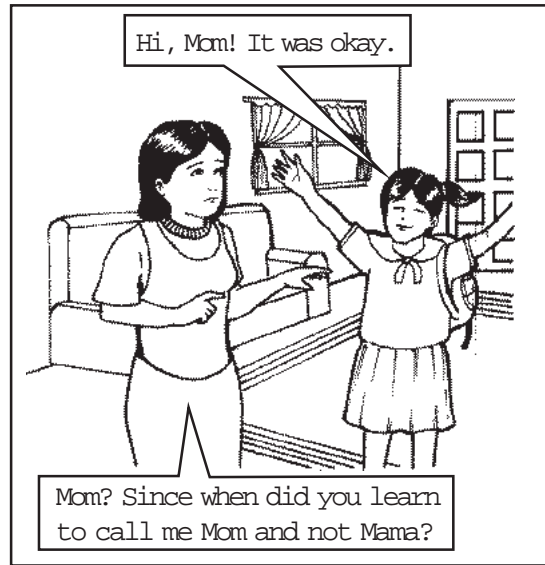


Romeo and Rose decided to talk to their children about migrating to Canada.



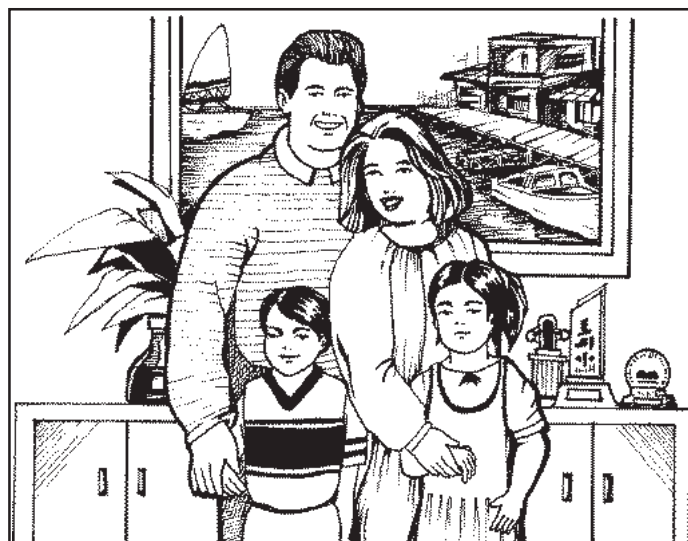
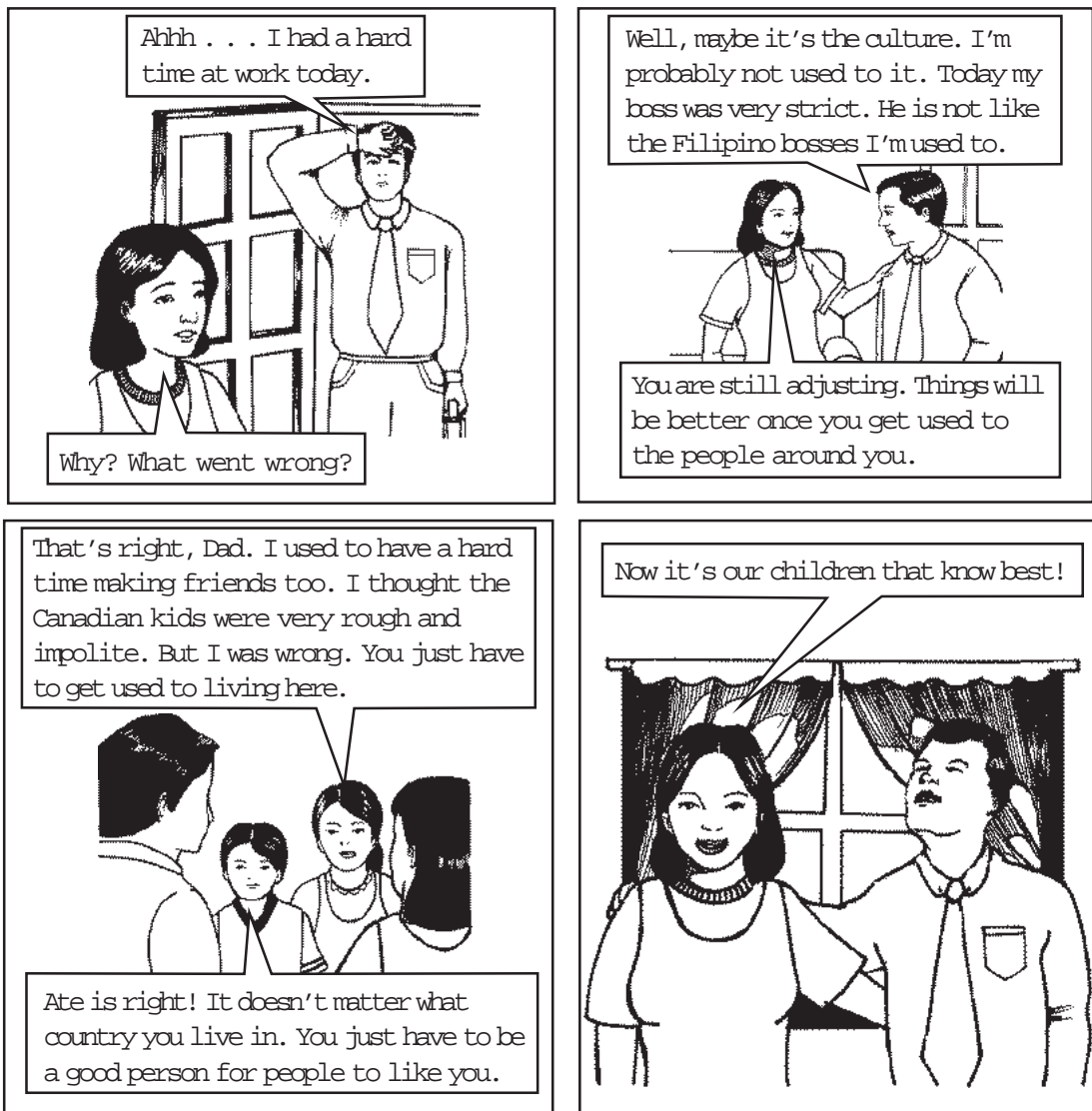


Several months later, the family decided to go to Canada. During their first week there . . .



So, Rose and Romeo still brought their children up the Filipino way. They taught them Filipino values and respect. The children learned how to appreciate the Filipino culture while growing up in Canada.

But there were still some problems that the family faced. One day...





Let's Review

Let's see if you understood the story you just read. Answer the following questions. Write your answers in the blanks provided.

1. What problems did Rose and Romeo experience before they migrated to Canada?

2. What problems did the family face when they got to Canada?

3. How did they solve their problems?

Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 43–44.



Let's Learn

Migration can cause a lot of difficulties. This is because family members have to adjust to a lot of changes. Imagine how you would feel if you suddenly moved to a new environment. How would you feel if you left your family and friends behind?

Most families who migrate have a hard time dealing with the new culture that they become exposed to. Filipinos living abroad are faced with a culture different from their own. People from different cultures act, think and speak differently.

To deal with these changes, one must develop a positive attitude within himself/herself and the family. There must be constant communication and love among the family members. Family members must support one another through these changes. They should also help each other adjust to these changes.



Let's Try This

Answer the questions below.

1. What technologies can you find in your home? Write them down in the spaces provided below.

Example: television

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. What benefits can you get from these technologies?

Technologies	Benefits

3. What negative effects can these technologies have on your family?

Technology	Negative Effects

Many technologies are found in our home. They can make our lives easier and more efficient.

There are, for example, tools of communication like the telephone which allows us to talk to our friends and relatives even if they are far away.

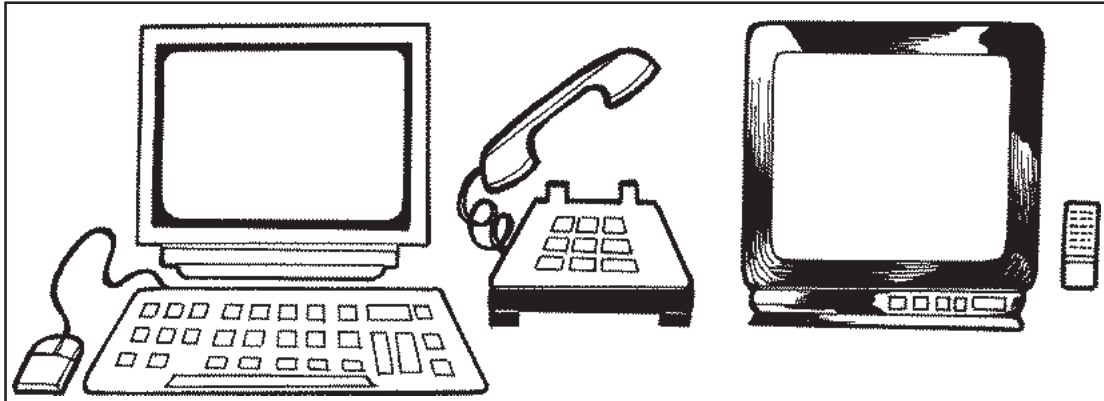
However, improvements in technology have its positive and negative side. Families who are exposed to technology may experience positive and negative effects.

Read on to find out more about this.



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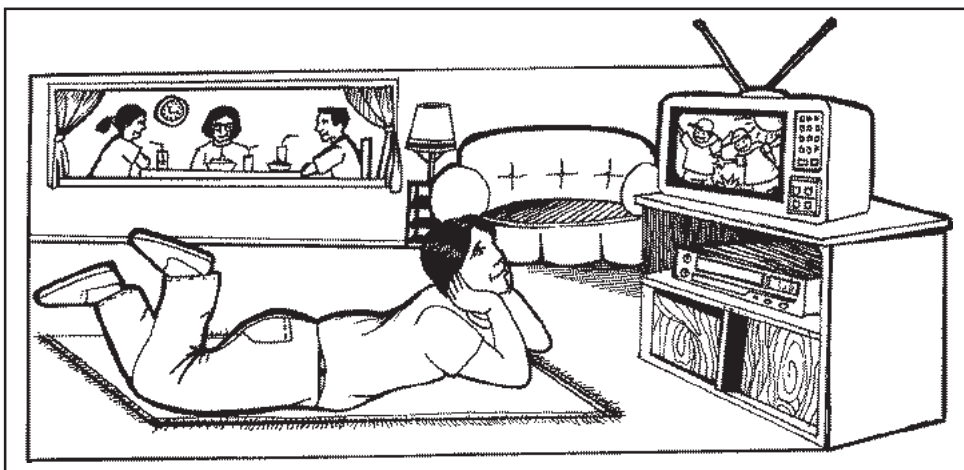
Let us study below the positive and negative effects of some common technologies.



Television

Positive: A television is a means of getting information and entertainment. It can tell us about the latest developments in the world. It can also entertain us with lively shows and programs.

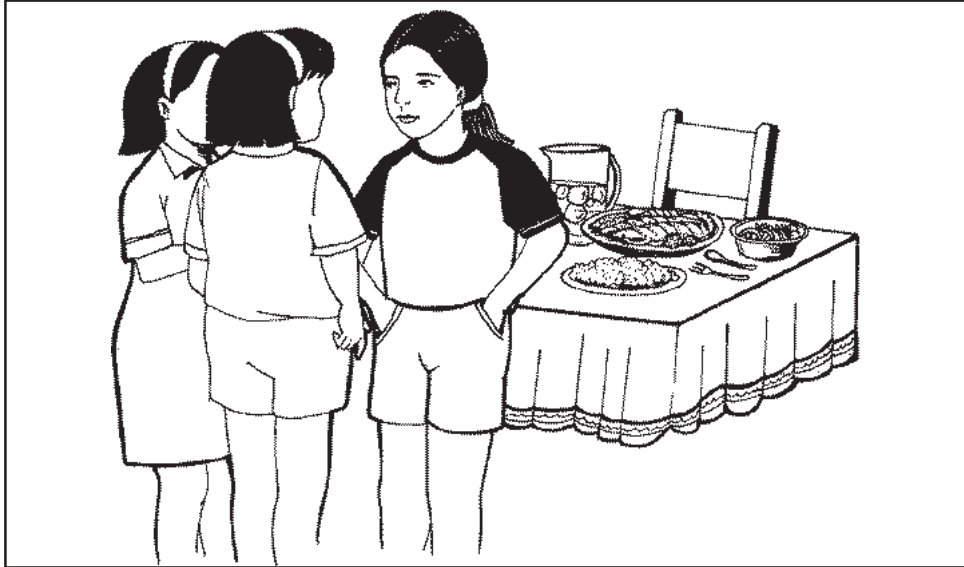
Negative: Watching too much television also has its disadvantages. Did you know that spending too much time watching TV is bad for you and your family? Sometimes, family members no longer have time to talk to one another. They are more interested in what they are watching than in their family.



Telephone

Positive: Since the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell, the world has never been the same again. The telephone has made all our lives easier. It is now possible to talk to our relatives and friends who live far away.

Negative: The telephone also has its disadvantages. Sometimes, when people spend too much time on the telephone, they neglect their families. Some teenagers would rather be on the telephone talking to friends rather than spending time with their families.



Computer

Positive: The use of a computer has made life easier today. Because of it, our work and transactions are done faster and more efficiently. This is because we can read about any topic that we want, transact business and even shop through the use of computers. We can communicate with people around the world too. With just one click of a button, we can send e-mails (electronic mails) or chat with people from all over the world.

Negative: The computer has its disadvantages too. It can lead to a lack of communication among family members. A father, for example, may want to work all the time at the computer instead of spending some time with his children. On the other hand, some children would rather use the computer than join their families in everyday activities.





Let's Try This

Answer the question below. Write your answer in the space provided.

What can we do to solve these problems caused by technology?

The secret is to make good use of these tools. Use them to increase the love and togetherness of your family. How?

Read on to find out.

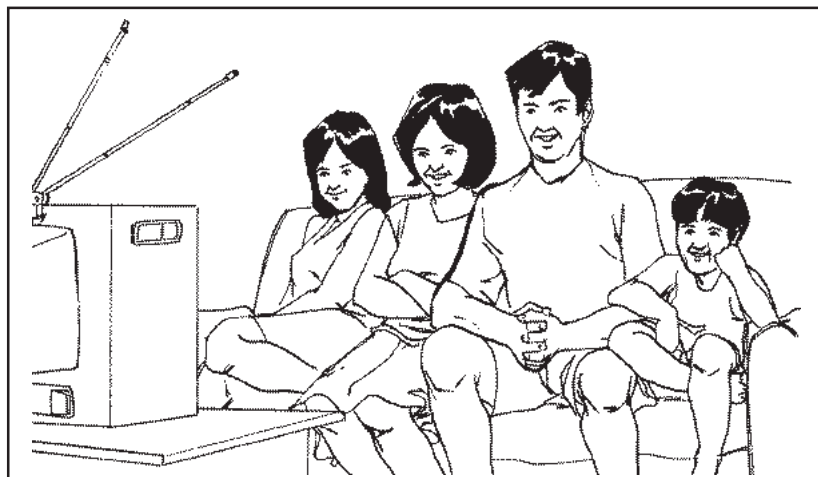


Let's Learn

How can you make technology work for you and your family?

With a Television

1. Make watching television an activity shared by the entire family. Share your ideas about the program you are watching. Talk about the shows you like.
2. Limit your viewing hours. Watch television only for short periods of time. Don't make it a habit to watch TV the entire day.
3. Choose the television shows you will watch as a family. Choose quality television shows that can give you good information and values.



With a Telephone

1. Use the telephone as a means of staying in touch with family members. Use it to call family members in other countries or provinces. Spread your love through the telephone.

2. At home, limit your use of the telephone to a few minutes. Do not stay too long on the telephone.
3. Use the telephone for emergencies and important calls.



With a Computer

1. When using a computer, share the information you get with your entire family.
2. Limit the hours you spend using a computer.
3. Use the computer as a means of communicating with family members in faraway places.



Make these instruments of communication work for you! Instead of making them harmful to your family, use them as tools. Build the family's relationship using these instruments.



Let's Remember

- ◆ Some of the problems and challenges families face today are temporary separation, migration and negative effects of technology.
- ◆ Temporary separation is often brought about by the need for at least one of the parents to work abroad.
- ◆ Migration is also often brought about by the desire of parents to look for better opportunities for work in other countries. Migration causes problems about dealing with new environments and cultures.
- ◆ Technology helps many families by making their work easier. It can also affect the way families interact and communicate with each other.

Global Issues and the Family



What are global issues? These are the events and ideas that affect the world today. They are the concerns that every country faces. The destruction of the environment is a global issue. This is because it affects everyone in the world. This is the same for diseases like AIDS and cancer.

There are many issues around the world that affect the Filipino family. These issues may change the way a family lives. One important global issue is the importance of rights. This lesson will tell you about how today's family can face global issues.

After studying this lesson, you should be able to:

- ◆ identify the global issues that affect a family;
- ◆ explain what a family can do with regard to environmental issues;
- ◆ discuss what a family can do with regard to the issue on world health; and
- ◆ explain what the family can do with regard to the changing roles of women.



Let's Think About This

What global issues are you aware of?

The three major issues that affect the world are environment, health and changing values. Let's find out more about these and how they affect a family.



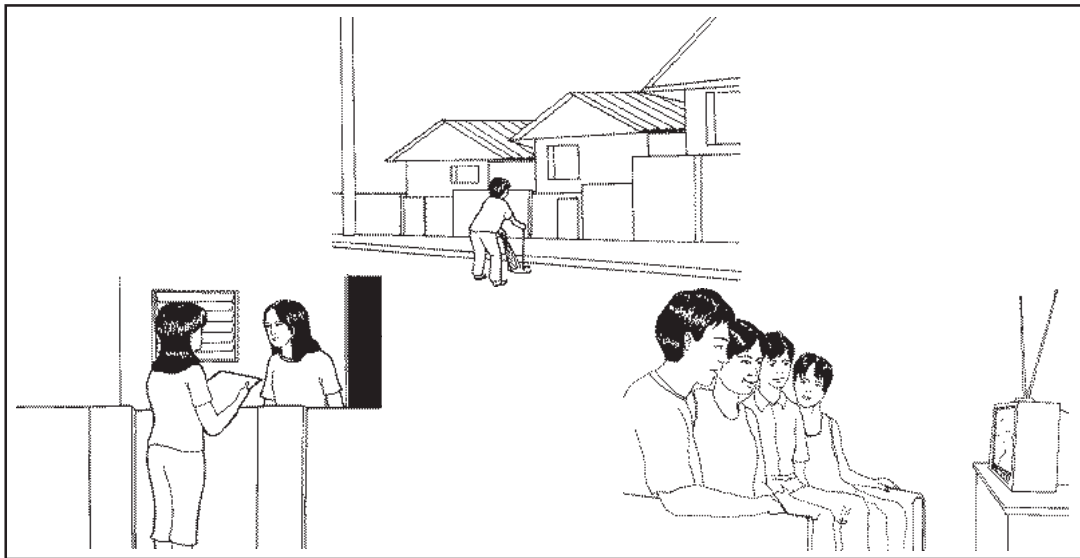
Let's Learn

You have probably heard the saying, “The world is a global village.” Do you know what this means? Take a look at your barangay. Whenever it experiences a problem, doesn't it affect everyone? It is the same when you see things from a global perspective. We are all part of one big community. Every new development affects each country. As nations, we share the same dreams and are affected by the same problems.

So every issue is important. **Global issues** are events and ideas that the world is facing today. There is so much concern over the environment, diseases and developments in technology. All these affect the citizens of the world—even you and your family! Your family is part of what makes up the global village. This means your family is also responsible for doing something about these issues.

Global Issues and the Three As

Your family is part of a big global community. Every issue that affects people in the world can affect your family. You can learn about these issues through the three As. The three As simply tell us that we should be:



- ◆ **Aware** — know all about the issue and how it can affect your family
- ◆ **Active** — do your part! Find ways to fight or solve a global problem in your own little way
- ◆ **Alert** — always look out for new developments concerning an issue



Let's Try This

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided below.

1. How can your family become aware about environmental issues?

2. How can your family actively participate in handling the various environmental issues?

3. How can your family become alert about issues regarding the environment?

Read on to find out if your answers are correct.



Let's Learn

The environment is precious to all of us. We have a responsibility to preserve our world and fight its destruction. How can our families do this?



Your family can do its part by:

- ◆ **Being aware.** Know about the changes in the environment that can affect one's family.
- ◆ **Being active.** Parents must teach their children to care for the environment. Recycling materials, cleaning up one's surroundings and planting trees are just a few of the things a family can do together.
- ◆ **Being alert.** Families should stay alert on community programs about the environment. Ask your barangay captain if there are environmental projects you can be involved in. Join activities that promote preservation of the environment.

Remember the three As. Be aware, active and alert! By starting within the family, you can do a lot to preserve mother nature.



Let's Try This

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided below.

1. How can your family become aware of health issues?

2. How can your family actively participate in handling health issues?

3. How can your family become alert about the said issues?

Read on to find out if your answers are correct.



Let's Learn

Maybe you're thinking, "What does the rest of the world's health have to do with my family?" Well, the answer is: It has a lot to do with your family! Health developments in the world affect everyone on the planet.



For example, if a disease is discovered to be very deadly, this can affect the entire global population. Everyone could get sick. So the various governments have to come up with programs and plans to fight this particular disease. The nations have to get together to learn more about it. This is what happened when the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or AIDS was discovered. Countries around the world knew that the AIDS virus could affect them all, so continuous research is being done to combat the virus.

Malaria and dengue fever are diseases that became world health issues. Families here in the Philippines can also do their part to fight these diseases.

These diseases are spread by mosquitoes. These insects transfer the disease from one person to another. Many people die because of these diseases. But through the three As, we can stop or lessen the number of malaria and dengue cases.

Be aware. Know all about malaria and dengue. How is it spread? What does it do? What can you do?

Be active. Do your part. Keep your home and surroundings clean and tidy to prevent them from becoming breeding grounds of mosquitoes. Share this information with your neighbors and friends.

Be alert. The government and other business sectors have many programs that help fight these diseases. Learn more about them. Be a volunteer or avail of their services.



Let's Try This

Answer the questions below. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. How can your family become aware of issues concerning the changing role of women?

2. How can your family actively participate in handling the said issues?

3. How can your family become alert about such issues?

Read on to find out if your answers are correct.



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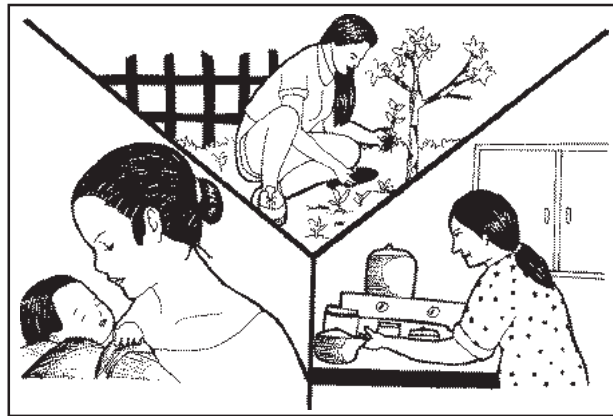
What do we mean by “changing values”? These are changes in the way people act and think. People come up with new ideas every minute. More and more changes in our culture are being accepted. One such change is the acceptance of women in the workplace and of people of different races as equals.

As we face various technological changes, more and more people are dealing with ideas and concepts that they could not accept before. This part of the lesson will deal briefly with an issue and a changing value that faces Filipino families today. This has to do with the changing role of women.

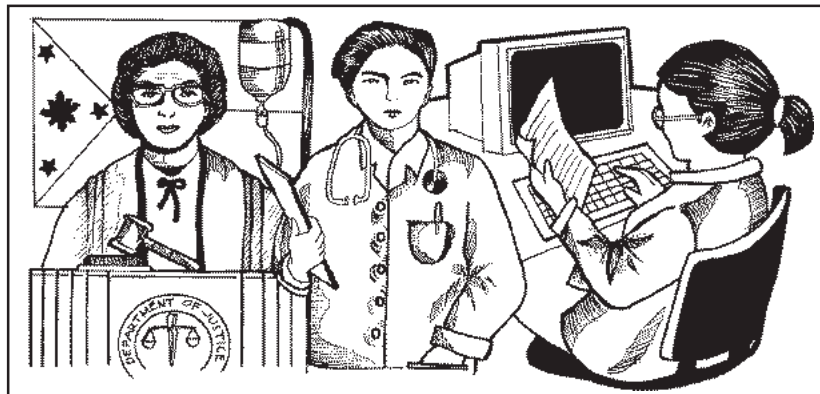


Let's Read

Ever heard of the saying, “*Ang babae ay pambahay lamang*” or “A woman’s place is in the home.” This is a saying that is common in the country and is depicted quite clearly in this picture:



There is nothing wrong with being a housewife if that is the personal decision a woman made. But some women like to work in offices, join politics, start their own businesses and become more vocal about their wants and needs. Look at this picture:



Some people find this hard to accept. Others believe that women are not capable of doing things like working in offices or holding office. Some say that women do not have the capacity to work or even think.

These are old-fashioned ideas. Did you know that years ago women were not even allowed to vote or to go to school? But today, a woman of the right age can vote for the candidate she likes. Girls go to school along with boys.



Let's Learn

A woman's role in today's society has definitely changed. Around the world, women's rights are respected. Let's learn to do this in our families. Can we use the three As in analyzing this global issue? Of course, we can!

The family can do its part by:

1. **Being aware** — knowing the changes in ideas and values. Know more about women's rights and how women's roles have changed.
2. **Being active** — learning to respect women. Teach this value to your children. Do your part and be an example to your friends and family members.
3. **Being alert** — look for trends and changes in ideas. Keep an eye out for government and private groups that support women's issues and the family.



Let's Learn

How do we know that the Philippines follows the Universal Declaration of Human Rights? In the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the rights of the family are stated. The Constitution follows the rights declared by the UN.

Let's read Article 15 of the Constitution. It has four sections.

Article 15 — The Family

Section 1. The State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation.

Accordingly, it shall strengthen solidarity and actively promote its total development.

Section 2. Marriage, as an inviolable social institution, is the foundation of the family and shall be protected by the state.

Section 3. The state shall defend:

- a. the right of spouses to found a family in accordance with their religious convictions and the demands of responsible parenthood;
- b. the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;
- c. the right of the family to a family living wage and income; and
- d. the right of families or family associations to participate in the planning and implementation of policies and programs that affect them.

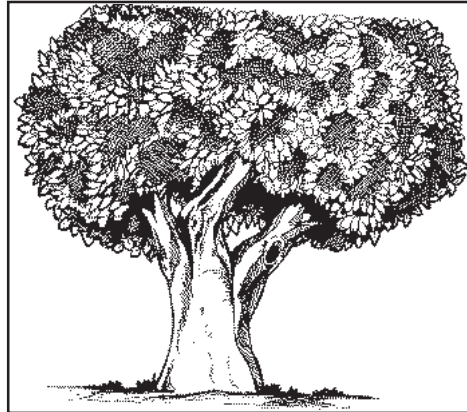
Section 4. The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security.



Let's Read

How can these sections of the Constitution be applied in our everyday lives? Do you want to know how we can enforce these laws? Well, read on and you'll learn more.

Section 1



The Filipino family is the foundation of the nation. What should a foundation be like? It should be strong and stable. Think of the family as the roots that hold a tree up. Like the roots of a tree, the Filipino family should be stable. The family should be what the country is built on.

By enacting this law, the Philippines is abiding by the declaration that “A family is the fundamental unit of society.” Families today are also protected by the government as stated in the Constitution.

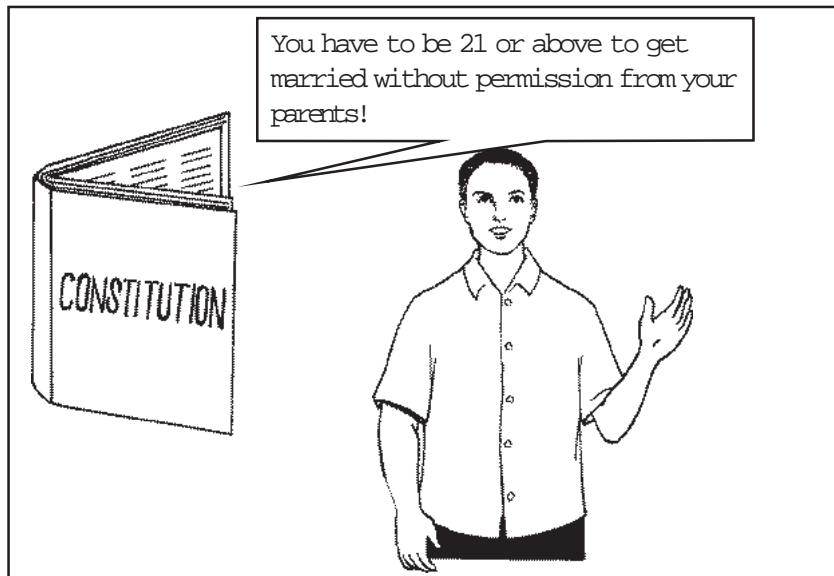
Section 2



This section tells us that marriage is a serious thing. It follows laws given by the government. What do we mean when we say marriage is protected by the State? This means that the laws regarding marriage are stable laws. Marriage is not just a game. The law does not allow people to marry as much as they like. And a marriage cannot be ended easily. There are laws that married couples have to follow.

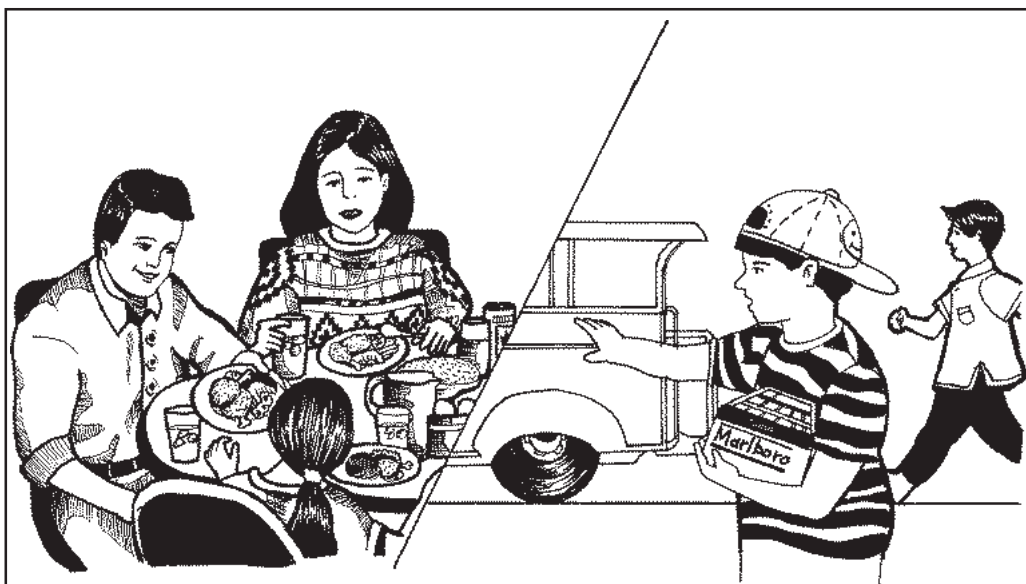
Section 3

The first part of this section states that everyone has the right to have a family. Remember the UN Declaration of Human Rights? It also states that any individual has the right to start a family. But just remember that to start a family, you have to be at the right age!



The next part of the section tells us about the duties that parents have. It states the rights of children that parents should look out for. Children must be given the right food to eat, proper care and love. This section is very important. It also states that children must not be abused or exploited. This means that parents should take care of their children and not hurt them. The children must not be forced to do hard labor. This means that children should not be forced to work in factories or beg in the streets!

This is in accordance with the rights of a child that have been agreed upon by the members of the United Nations.



The third part of the section assures a family an income. This means that the government should make sure that each family has a source of income in order to survive. Jobs must be provided for parents.



The last part of this section says that families can participate in deciding on the policies that will affect them. A couple can therefore choose how many children they are going to have. The government cannot dictate how many children there should be in a family.



Section 4



Read this section carefully. It shows us the Filipino value of taking care of our elderly. It states that a family must take care of their elderly. We must visit and care for our grandparents. We must not neglect them.

This section also says that the government can provide for the elderly through its programs. That's why we have homes for the aged, discounts for senior citizens and hospital care for the elderly.



Let's Review

What you just read helped you understand how the Constitution works to protect and defend each family. The Constitution follows the global declaration of rights provided for by the United Nations. Let's see if you understood this clearly. Answer the following questions.

1. Can a child be forced to work in a construction site? Why/Why not?

2. Can the government tell a couple how many children they can have? Explain your answer.

3. Why should we take care of our elderly?

4. What rights of children does the Constitution defend?

Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 44.

Did you get all the correct answers?



Let's See What You Have Learned

- A. Use any or all of the three As to address the following situations that deal with global issues.
1. The health center in Barangay Oranbo is conducting an AIDS awareness seminar this coming World AIDS Day. Should families in the barangay participate in these seminars?

 2. In Barangay Cabral, Mrs. Edna Manalo is running for barangay chairperson in the coming barangay elections. Some of the families say that Mrs. Manalo is not capable of doing the job because she is a woman. The Rizal family believes that Mrs. Manalo is perfect for the job. What should the Rizal family do?

 3. The families living in Sitio Mapuno are facing an environmental issue. A factory near the *sitio* has been dumping toxic wastes into the river where families fish and get water. What should the families of Sitio Mapuno do?

- B. Each of the following situations in Set A is an illustration of a particular right. Read the situation carefully and match it with the corresponding right specified in Set B. Write the letter of your answer in the space provided.

Set A

- _____ 1. Marjorie Smith is an American. She loves her Filipino boyfriend, Antonio Malaya, very much. In fact, they will be getting married next month.
- _____ 2. Nena and her husband, Boyet, got married last year. They both decided that it was the right time for them to get married.
- _____ 3. Jose and Luisa just got married. They want to plan how many children they will have. So the couple decided to go to a health center to learn more about family planning.
- _____ 4. Lola Minyang is already 80 years old. She lives with her son, Diego, and his family. The entire family loves and takes care of Lola Minyang.
- _____ 5. Wilma is the daughter of Melissa and Norman. She is well cared for by her parents. She is given nutritious food and proper education. Her parents love her.

Set B

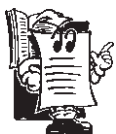
- a. The right of men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion to marry and have a family.
- b. The right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development
- c. The family's duty to care for its elderly members
- d. The right of families to participate in the planning and implementation of policies and programs that affect them
- e. The right of couples to enter into marriage only with free and full consent

Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 44–45. You can read the lesson again if you do not understand the topic.



Let's Remember

- ◆ The global issues that affect the family have to do with the environment, world health and the changing role of women.
- ◆ The family should be aware, active and alert about global issues that can affect them.
- ◆ The Constitution upholds the family's rights and responsibilities.



Let's Sum Up

Congratulations! You have almost finished studying this module. To help you remember its main points, read the module summary below.

- ◆ Types of families:
 - where both parents are present
 - where only a father or a mother is present
- ◆ Kinds of single parents:
 - unwed men or women
 - separated
 - widowed
- ◆ Some of the problems and challenges facing families today are temporary separation, migration and technology.
- ◆ Temporary separation is often brought by the need for at least one of the parents to work abroad.
- ◆ Migration is often brought by the desire of parents to look for better places of work. It causes problems about dealing with new environments and cultures.
- ◆ Technology helps many families by making their work easier. However, technology also affects the way families interact and communicate.
- ◆ The global issues that can affect a family are environment, health and the changing role of women.
- ◆ The family should practice being aware, active and alert about these issues.
- ◆ The Constitution upholds the family's rights and responsibilities.



What Have You Learned?

1. What are the different types of families? Explain each type.

2. How can families experiencing temporary separation cope?

3. How can families avoid the negative effects of technology?

4. How can the family help solve global issues?

Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 45.

Did you get all the correct answers?

If you got a score of:

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| 4 | Very good! You have learned a lot in this module. You may proceed to the next one. |
| 3 | Good! Just go back to the items you missed. |
| 0 – 2 | Study the whole module again to better understand it. I'm sure you'll do better the next time. |



Answer Key

A. Let's See What You Already Know (page 2)

1. (F) Children raised or being raised by single parents are still considered part of a family. There is a family where only one parent is present.
2. (F) Being a widow or widower does not mean losing one's family. This only means that the widow or widower is left behind to take care of the children.
3. (F) Temporary separation of the family, for example, because the father has to work abroad can cause problems. Among these are loneliness not only on the part of the father who left but on the part of the family he left behind as well.
4. (F) Technology can pose many negative effects on one's family. For example, watching television can reduce the amount of time the family spends with each other.
5. (F) Being a housewife is a choice that a woman should make. There is nothing wrong with being a housewife as long as this is the choice of the woman.
6. (F) The family is affected by global issues on health such as AIDS, cancer and others.

B. Lesson 2

Let's Try This (pages 14–15)

1. The family of Mang Jose must communicate frequently with him to keep him happy. They can show him their love and care if they write and call him frequently.
2. Yes, organizing a party for Angel is the right thing to do. The family of a person who goes to work abroad must still celebrate special events. Celebrating Angel's birthday even if she is not in the country is a way of remembering her. Sending her a birthday card or calling her by long distance is also a way of remembering her.
3. Tony can help if he explains to his son why Diding left the country. He must explain to Boboy that his mother, Diding, loves and cares for him. The reason why she decided to work abroad was so she could earn more to provide for him.

Let's Review (page 20)

1. At first, Rose and Romeo's children did not agree about the idea of migrating to Canada. This became a problem for the family. They were unsure about the changes they would experience if they migrated.

2. The family faced the problem of dealing with changes when they got to Canada. For instance, Rose felt that her children were acquiring Western values and traits. She wanted them to have Filipino values. Secondly, the family had to adjust to the different attitudes and culture of the people in Canada.
3. They solved their problem by talking about it in the family. They communicated well. Also, there was a positive attitude among the family members—they helped each other adjust to the changes.

C. Lesson 3

Let's Review (page 38)

1. A child cannot be forced to work in a construction site. Children should be protected from doing hard labor. This is a global right guaranteed to children which is enforced by the United Nations and our government.
2. No, the government cannot dictate the size of families. To do so would go against the right of a family to participate in the planning and implementation of policies and programs that affect them.
3. Aside from the fact that our elderly are part of our families, we must remember that according to law, the family has the duty to care for its elderly members.
4. The Philippine Constitution states the following rights of children: the right to assistance including proper care and nutrition, special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

Let's See What You Have Learned (pages 39–40)

- A. 1. Yes, the families in Barangay Oranbo should actively participate in this seminar. Families today must take a part in facing global issues. AIDS is a global health issue that the world faces today.

Families must be aware of how AIDS affects people in different countries and what they can do to spread awareness. They must also take an active role in promoting AIDS awareness, which they can do by joining seminars and encouraging others to join in too.

Families must also be alert regarding the new developments in AIDS research, learn about the new ways of avoiding the disease, new discoveries and developments in the fight against AIDS.
2. The Rizal family can show their support for Mrs. Manalo in her campaign. They can teach their neighbors and friends to become more aware of women in politics. They can become active by campaigning for Mrs. Manalo.

3. The families in Sitio Mapuno should work together to face this environmental issue. They can become active by protesting against the factory's improper waste disposal. They can also spread awareness about the bad effects of the wastes on the river. They should be alert in keeping their surroundings clean and protecting the river.

Also, they can be alert on laws that can protect their river. If families in Sitio Mapuno work together as a community, they can be successful in protecting their environment.

- B.
 1. (a) Marjorie is an American and Antonio is a Filipino. They are of different races and nationalities. But this should not stop them from marrying each other. They have the right to get married without limitations due to race or nationality.
 2. (e) Nena and Boyet got married out of their own free will. They were not forced to marry each other. They exercised the right to enter into marriage only with free and full consent.
 3. (d) By going to health centers to learn how they can plan their family, Jose and Luisa are enjoying the right of families to participate in the planning and implementation of policies and programs that affect them. Health care and family planning affects a family and Jose and Luisa have the right to participate in this.
 4. (c) By caring for Lola Minyang, the family is performing its duty to care for its elderly members.
 5. (b) Wilma is provided with the basic needs by her parents. Her parents also love and care for her. She is enjoying her rights as their child—the right to assistance including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty or exploitation, etc.

D. What Have You Learned? (*page 42*)

1. There are families where both parents are present. This is what most Filipino families are like. There are also families where only one of the parents is present to raise the child.
2. Families should always communicate with each other. This means writing letters, sending telegrams or making phone calls. The parent who is left behind should also make sure that the children understand why there is a need for temporary separation.
3. Families should use different technologies to increase the family's time together. For example, they can make watching television an activity shared by the entire family.
4. The family should become aware of global issues. They should participate in solving global problems in their own little ways and they should always become alert on new developments regarding these issues.



Glossary

Annulment Dissolvement of a marriage through legal proceedings

Custody Having the right to care for a child/children

E-mail (electronic mail) Message sent and received electronically (as between terminals linked by telephone lines or microwave relays)

Global issues Events and ideas that affect all the people in the world

Migration Moving from one country to another



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