

## CHAPTER-9

### Changing Families

#### **7MARKS**

**1. Who were the members of Nimmi's family before the arrival of her baby sister?**

**Answer:**

Father, mother, grandmother and uncle are the members of Nimmi's family before the arrival of her baby sister.

**2. How many members are there in Nimmi's family now?**

**Answer:**

There are six members in Nimmi's family now.

**Let us talk**

**1. How do you think the lives of Nimmi's family members have changed after the arrival of the new baby? For example –**

**(a) How will Nimmi spend her day now?**

**Answer:**

Nimmi will now spend her day playing with the newborn baby.

**(b) What new work will her mother do now?**

**Answer:**

Looking after the newborn baby will be the new work for her mother now.

**(c) There will be a change in the daily work of Nimmi's father, grandmother and uncle with the arrival of the new baby. Can you tell how?**

**Answer:**

Nimmi's father, grandmother and uncle will now spend extra time playing and taking care of the newborn baby to support her mother.

**2. Has a small brother or sister been born in your home or in any house in your neighbourhood?**

**Answer:**

Yes, a small sister was born in my neighbour's house.

**(a) How does it feel to have a new baby at home?**

**Answer:**

Everyone at home was very happy.

**(b) How have things changed at home with the new baby?**

**Answer:**

At home, everyone was planning to buy the necessities and other arrangements for the newborn baby. Everyone at home was helping the mother take care of the new baby.

**3. Find out all about the youngest child in your home or in the home of a relative. Then write –**

**(a) When was the baby born?**

**Answer:**

The baby was born a week ago.

**(b) Is the baby a boy or a girl?**

**Answer:**

It is a boy.

**(c) How are you related to him or her?**

**Answer:**

I am his neighbour.

**(d) Where was the baby born?**

**Answer:**

The baby was born in a hospital.

**(e) Who does the baby look like?**

**Answer:**

The baby looks more like his dad.

**(f) What is the colour of his or her hair?**

**Answer:**

The colour of his hair is black.

**(g) What is the colour of his or her eyes?**

**Answer:**

The colour of his eyes is black.

**(h) Does the baby have any teeth?**

**Answer:**

No, he doesn't have any teeth.

**(i) What do we feed the baby?**

**Answer:**

We feed the baby milk.

**(j) What is the baby's height?**

**Answer:**

The baby's height is about two feet.

**(k) How many hours a day does the baby sleep?**

**Answer:**

The baby sleeps for more than fourteen hours.

**(l) What different sounds does the baby make?**

**Answer:**

The baby cries and also produces various other types of sounds.

**(m) Who does the baby stay with most of the time?**

**Answer:**

The baby stays with the mother most of the time.

## **5MARKS**

### **New Place**

**1. When Tsering's father showed the letter to his family, how do you think the different members would have felt?**

**Answer:**

Everyone in the family felt very happy about the promotion of Tsering's father. Moving to a new town excited Tsering. But Tsering's father, mother and grandparents were slightly worried about making arrangements to shift to the new town.

**2. What will change in Tsering's family after his father's transfer? For example –**

**(a) Who from Tsering's family will live with his father in the new place? Which school will Tsering go to now? Will he have new friends?**

**Answer:**

Tsering, his sister and his mother will live with his father in the new place. Tsering will now go to a new school. Yes, Tsering will have new friends in the new school.

**(b) Has anybody in your family moved to a new place because of work?**

**Answer:**

Yes, my uncle had moved to Bangalore because of his work.

**(c) What do you feel about this change?**

**Answer:**

Change is very important in one's life. It is natural. Also, it's common to change places because of work. In fact, we should feel happy, as we get a chance to visit a new place.

**3. Is there anyone in your class or school who has come to your school from another place? If so, talk to him or her.**

**Answer:**

Yes, a boy in my class shifted from another city 3 months ago.

**(a) Where has she or he come from?**

**Answer:**

He came from Punjab.

**(b) What was his or her old school like?**

**Answer:**

His old school was so green and big. He also had a lot of friends there.

**(c) What does he or she find different here?**

**Answer:**

Everything here is new to him. New people, new language, new food, new friends, etc., make him feel so excited.

**(d) Does he or she like the change?**

**Answer:**

Yes, he likes the change.

## 3MARKS

### Let us Talk

**1. Do you think that there will be any change in Nazli's family after this wedding? What will change?**

**Answer:**

Yes, things will change in Nazli's family after this wedding. A new member has been added to the family, and Nazli now has a new sister-in-law.

**(a) Do you think there will be changes in the home from where the new bride has come? What kind of changes?**

Yes, there will be changes in the home from where the new bride has come. Her family members will miss her a lot at home. The family should now put more effort into compensating for the ways in which she was contributing to her family.

**(b) Talk to your mother and aunts in the family. Ask them about where they lived before they got married.**

**Answer:**

They lived with their parents and siblings before marriage.

**(c) Who were the members in their families then?**

**Answer:**

In my mother's family, she, her mother, her father, one sister and one brother lived together before her marriage.

**(d) Has anybody in your family been married recently? Who?**

**Answer:**

Yes, my cousin got married recently in my family.

**2. Talk to your classmates and write all about what happens during weddings in their families.**

**(a) What kind of special food is cooked?**

**Answer:**

A variety of traditional foods was cooked, along with sweets, during the wedding.

**(b) What special clothes do the bride and bridegroom wear?**

**Answer:**

The bride wore a beautiful lehenga and choli with a blue dupatta. The bridegroom wore a classy Sherwani and pagri.

**(c) What kinds of songs and dances are performed at weddings?**

**Answer:**

At weddings, traditional, folk, melody and modern songs and dances are performed.

**3. What did you see at the wedding that you attended?**

**Answer:**

I noticed that the house and pandals were decorated with flowers and lights. Photographers are roaming around to click photos and capture videos. A wide variety of food and sweets were made and served to the guests. Everyone looked amazing, as they wore new clothes. Fireworks were also arranged.



## **5MARKS**

### **1. Write down the reasons for these changes.**

#### **(a) In Nimmi's family –**

**Answer:**

The change happened because of the birth of a new baby. They got a new family member.

#### **(b) In Tsering's family –**

**Answer:**

Tsering's father got a promotion at work and had to shift to a new city. Tsering's family were preparing with excitement, and ready to face the new challenges.

#### **(c) In Nazli's family –**

**Answer:**

As her elder cousin brother got married, a new member came to Nazli's family. She was Nazli's sister-in-law.

### **2. There can be many reasons for changes in families. Can you think of some more reasons?**

**Answer:**

Changes in a family can be due to these reasons:

- A family member leaving for higher education.
- Transfer of a relative who might come to live with the family.
- Death of a family member.

**3. Talk to three old people – one from your family, one from your friend's family and one from a family in your neighbourhood. Ask them these questions and fill in the table.**

Question	Your family	Friend's family	Neighbour's family
– Since how many years has your family been staying here?			
– Where did your family live before coming here?			
– How many members are there in your family today?			
– How many members were there in your family 10 years ago?			
– What were the reasons for the changes in your family in the last 10 years?			
– How do you feel about all these changes?			
– What problems do you face with changes in technology?			

**Answer:**

Question	Your family	Friend's family	Neighbour's family
– Since how many years has your family been staying here?	15 years	10 years	5 years
– Where did your family live before coming here?	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Bangalore, Karnataka	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
– How many members are there in your family today?	4 members	5 members	6 members
– How many members were there in your family 10 years ago?	3 members	6 members	8 members
– What were the reasons for the changes in your family in the last 10 years?	Father's transfer and the birth of my little brother	Death of grandmother and birth of twin babies.	The neighbour's family was a joint family until they shifted to the new city. So, they had to leave their grandparents back.
– How do you feel about all these changes?	I feel happy for the new member of the family and excited to live in a new city.	Worried about the death of grandmother and simultaneously happy for the twins in the family.	Miss the joint family and the love and care of grandparents.
– What problems do you face with changes in technology?	Interaction among the family got reduced.	The kids are playing inside the house with smartphones and tabs rather than playing on fields.	Kids are getting addicted to the usage of smart devices and waste a lot of time.

### My family – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow....

**1. All families change in some way or the other because of different reasons. Has your family changed too?**

**Answer:**

Yes, my family has gone through many changes too.

**2. When your grandmother and grandfather were children like you, was your family just like it is today?**

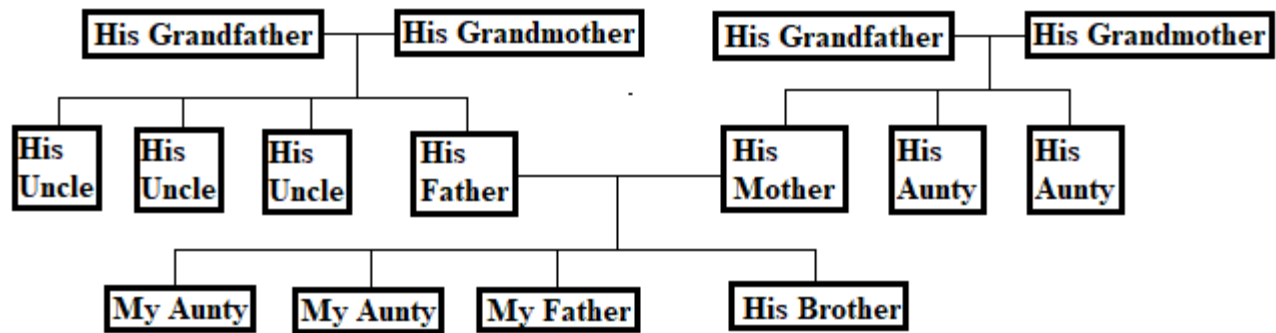
**Answer:**

No, it was not the same. They were living together with many family members in a village.

**3. Ask your grandmother or grandfather how many members were there in their family when they were your age? Then draw a family tree in your notebook of their family when they were young.**

**Answer:**

Below is the family tree of my grandfather.



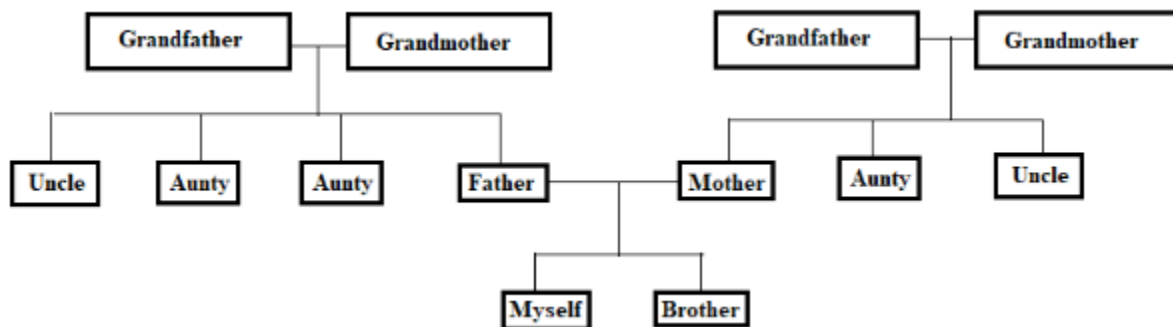
**4. Can you see yourself, your brother or your sister, your mother or your father anywhere in this family tree?**

**Answer:**

I can only see my father in the above family tree.

**5. Now, draw a family tree of your present family in your notebook.**

**Answer:**



**6. Can you see yourself anywhere in this family tree? Who are the members of your family today? Where are your grandparents?**

**Answer:**

Yes, I can see myself in the family tree. The members of my family today are my brother, my mother and my father. My grandparents are living in my native village.

**Let us talk**

**Can you tell in what ways the family tree of your grandmother or grandfather in their childhood is different from your family tree today?**

**Answer:**

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**Going Back to School**

**1. Upto which class do you want to study?**

**Answer:**

I want to study upto a Bachelor of Engineering Degree.

**2. Upto which class have your parents studied?**

**Answer:**

My father has an MBA degree, and my mother has a UG degree.

**3. Till which class did your grandmother get a chance to study?**

**Answer:**

My grandmother got a chance to study till Class 10.

**4. At what age did your grandmother get married?**

**Answer:**

My grandmother got married at the age of 17.

**5. Have you heard of a Law that talks about the ages before which girls and boys must not get married?**

**Answer:**

Yes, I have heard it, and by that law, boys before the age of 21 and girls before the age of 18 must not get married.

### **3MARKS**

#### **Find out and write**

**1. Are there any such children in your neighbourhood who had to drop out of school? Do they want to go back to school?**

**Answer:**

Yes, there was a boy in my neighbourhood who had dropped out of school due to family problems. He badly wants to get back to school.

**2. What are they doing these days?**

**Answer:**

He is working to provide a living for his family, as he's the only child in his family.

**3. Has anybody in your family got married recently? Who?**

**Answer:**

Yes, my elder cousin brother got married recently.

**4. What was the age of the bride and the groom?**

**Answer:**

The age of the bride was 24, and the age of the bridegroom was 30.

**5. What kind of dresses did they wear?**

**Bride** \_\_\_\_\_

**Groom** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

Bride – A beautiful lehenga and choli with a green dupatta

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**6. What kind of dishes were there? Name them.**

**Answer:**

A variety of traditional foods, like masala dosa, pulao and curries, were cooked, along with sweets, like gulab jamun, jalebi and Mysore pak, during the wedding

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**Fill in the blanks**

- (i) **Change** is a part of life.
- (ii) The **Convention on the Rights of the Child** states that young children should play and study and not be married off.
- (iii) **Emotions** can be deeply affected by changes.