

# Family and Friends

**Conversation Club — Week 1**

# Warmup Conversation

1. Are good family members or good friends more important? Why?
2. What problems do parents have to solve as their children grow up?
3. How close are you to your extended family? (cousins, aunts, great uncles etc.)
4. What is the perfect number of children a family should have?
5. What do you think is the most important thing to make a happy family?
6. Is it better for mothers to stay at home with kids or go to work to earn more money for the family?
7. Many families send their children to private institutes or daycares for most of the day. Is this good or bad?
8. How do you define the word “home”? Is it where you live? Where your family lives or where you grew up?
9. Is spanking or hitting a good way to discipline children? Why or why not?
10. What age is too young to get married?
11. Why do people get married?
12. If you were offered an excellent job abroad could you leave your family and country for 5 years?
13. When married people talk about having children they talk about “starting a family”. Can two married people be a family if they don’t have kids?
14. What do you think of people who marry and decide not to have children?

# Conversation Club

- No portfolio 👍 □
- No tests 🎉
- Only fun homework □
  
- Each class consists of:
  - Warm-up conversation about topic
  - Vocabulary
  - Collocations
  - Expressions
  - Pronunciation



# Topics

- Week 1 (6/3): Family and friends
- Week 2 (13/3): Weather
- Week 3 (20/3): Shopping
- Week 4 (27/3): Social media
- Week 5 (3/4): Directions
- Week 6 (10/4): Hobbies
- Week 7 (17/4): Food
- Week 9 (1/5): Travel
- Week 11 (15/5): Business and money
- Week 12 (22/5): Productivity and time management
- Week 13 (29/5): Movies and music
- Week 14 (5/6): Education and career
- Week 15 (12/6): Politics

# Family Expressions

1. To take after someone
2. To follow in someone's footsteps
3. Like father, like son
4. It runs in the family
5. A spitting image
6. Pride and joy
7. Get along with (or get on with)
8. To have a falling out
9. Bad blood
10. To wear the pants
11. Breadwinner
12. Black sheep
13. To be born with a silver spoon in your mouth



# Practice

1. Is there a black sheep in your family. Who is it? What makes this person the black sheep? Are any of your friends the black sheep of the family? Explain.
2. Do you get along with your brothers and sisters? What about your parents? Have you always gotten along, or did you used to fight when you were younger?
3. Do you think it's common for there to be bad blood between different family members? Why do you think this is?
4. What issues normally cause people to have a falling out?
5. In your country, is the man usually the breadwinner? Is this changing?
6. Who wears the pants in your family?
7. Are you similar to your mother or father? Do people think you're the spitting image of him/her?
8. Do you think life is easier if you're born with a silver spoon in your mouth?
9. What runs in your family? Explain.
10. Have you tried to accomplish the same things as your parents? Are you following in their footsteps? Why or why not?

# Friendship Expressions

1. Cross someone's path – unexpectedly meet someone
2. A friend in need is a friend indeed
3. Make friends
4. Build bridges
5. Friends in high places
6. Be an item
7. At odds with someone
8. Birds of a feather
9. Man's best friend



**Practice!**

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# “Homework”

- Explore this YouTube channel:
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    - <https://www.youtube.com/user/accentsway>
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