

TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

Task 1

Two people introduce themselves. Listen and complete.

A) I'm originally from _____ – from the _____ part of _____, from a town called _____. I've been _____ in _____ for _____ years now. I have a house in the _____ of _____: Clapham. I have _____ children, some of whom still go to _____ school, some of whom go to _____.

B) I'm originally from _____ in the centre of _____. We call it the _____. I lived in the _____ named Deddington. I've been _____ in East Grinstead for _____ years. I live in a small _____, or _____ just _____ of _____. I have _____ children and _____ grandchildren. My two _____ (ho ho!) are at the _____.

Task 2. Chunks

A When you memorize “chunks”, make sure you understand the way they are built. You should know which elements you can modify and which elements are stable. Look at the examples given below, then write some of your own.

▪ Where are you from? / Where do you come from?

[I'm] originally from [France]...

My parents are originally from Morocco. He is originally from Spain.

_____ originally from _____.
_____ originally from _____.

▪ Tell me something about yourself.

[I've] been [living] {in} [England] for [23 years].

He has been studying in Germany for 5 years. She's been working in this firm for two months.

_____ been _____ ing _____ for _____.

_____ been, _____ ing _____ for _____.

- Where is your hometown? / Where do you study?

In the [south-west] **of** [London]

In the north-east **of** China

In the west **of** the United States

In the _____ of _____

In the _____ of _____

- What can you tell me about your family?

I have [four children] [some] of whom [go to university]...

He has two sisters one of whom goes to university...

My brother has three children two of whom are in an engineering school...

_____ of whom _____.

['westən] ['i:stən] ['sʌðən] ['nɔ:ðən]

- western , eastern southern , northern central
- a city, a town, a village, a hamlet
- children, a brother, a sister, an only child, a stepfather¹, a stepbrother²
- a house, a flat, a block of flats, a studio, a room, a hall of residence, a bungalow
- infant school, primary school secondary school, university

¹The husband of one's biological mother, other than one's biological father, (e.g. following the divorce or death of the father)

² The son of one's stepfather or stepmother from a former marriage.

Task 3. Family and relatives. LISTENING

BRAINSTORM! Try to remember all of the words related to **FAMILY** and **MARITAL STATUS** in preparation for a listening.

FAMILY

mother / father

MARITAL STATUS

single

Listen to this recording in which a South American introduces herself. Read the following questions before listening.

- 1) Where does she come from? Where was she brought up?
- 2) How old was she when she left home?
- 3) How many brothers and sisters does she have? Is she the eldest?
- 4) How old are her brothers? What do they do?
- 5) What do her sisters do?
- 6) Has she got any children?
- 7) Are her parents still alive? Where did her parents come from?

The **elder** (adjective) of two people is the one who was born first in the same family.

The **eldest** person in a family is the one who was born before all the others.

A person's **elder** (noun) is someone who is older than them, especially someone quite a lot older.

Task 12B. Discussion: family

Student 'A'

Discuss the questions below with your partner.

1. How many people are there in your family? Tell me about someone in your family.
 2. Who is the oldest person in your family? Tell me about him / her.
 3. How many cousins do you have? Where do they live?
 4. Describe some fun family activities that family members can do together.
 5. Do you enjoy going to weddings? Why? / Why not?
 6. Describe what someone in your family looks like.
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Student 'B'

Discuss the questions below with your partner.

1. How many people are there in your family? Tell me about someone in your family.
2. Who is the youngest person in your family? Tell me about him / her.
3. Which is better: lots of children, or only one or two children? Why?
4. How many aunts and uncles do you have? Where do they live?
5. How different were families 100 years ago?
6. Where were your grandparents born? What else do you know about them?

Task 4 A. Vocabulary

Complete the following job definitions.

- 1) A jou_____ is a person whose job is to collect news and write about it for newspapers, magazines, television, or radio.

- 2) A gui_____ is someone who shows tourists around places such as museums or cities.
- 3) A plu_____ is a person whose job is to connect and repair things such as water and drainage pipes, baths, and toilets.
- 4) A mec_____ is someone whose job is to repair and maintain machines and engines, especially car engines.
- 5) A vet_____ is someone who is qualified to treat sick or injured animals.
- 6) A sur_____ is a doctor who is specially trained to perform surgery.
- 7) A che_____ is someone who works in a pharmacy and is qualified to prepare and sell medicines. This person also does research connected with chemistry or studies chemistry.
- 8) A joi_____ is a person who makes wooden window frames, door frames, doors, and cupboards.
- 9) An exe_____ is someone who is employed by a business at a senior level. They decide what the business should do, and ensure that it is done.
- 10) A sal_____ is a man whose job is to sell things, especially directly to shops or other businesses on behalf of a company.
- 11) A sho_____ ass_____ is a person who works in a shop selling things to customers.
- 12) A nur_____ is a person whose job is to care for people who are ill.
- 13) A soc_____ wor_____ is a person whose job is to do social work.
- 14) A tec _____ is someone whose job involves skilled

practical work with scientific equipment, for example in a laboratory.

15) A rep_____ is a man who mends broken machines such as televisions and telephones.

16) An eng_____ is a person who uses scientific knowledge to design, construct, and maintain engines and machines or structures such as roads, railways, and bridges.

17) An acc_____ is a person whose job is to keep financial accounts.

18) A law_____ is a person whose profession is to represent clients in a court of law or to advise or act for clients in other legal matters.

Task 4 B. Speaking

Using the list of jobs above, and other jobs you may know, discuss in pairs: what do your parents/siblings do? If you weren't studying to be an engineer, which jobs wouldn't you mind doing? Which jobs wouldn't you like to do (give reasons for your choice)? What did you want to do as a child?

Examples: My father is a mechanic and he works for Peugeot.... I wouldn't mind being a mechanic because I'm passionate about cars. I could never be a surgeon because I feel sick when I see blood.

Task 5 Listening

Task 13C. Listening. ▪ Moodle

What's their dream job? Fill in the following table

Name	job dream	job

Discuss: What about you? What is your dream job in engineering? In what specific

industry/field/sector? Is there a dream company you'd like to work for? What's your ideal company? Why?