

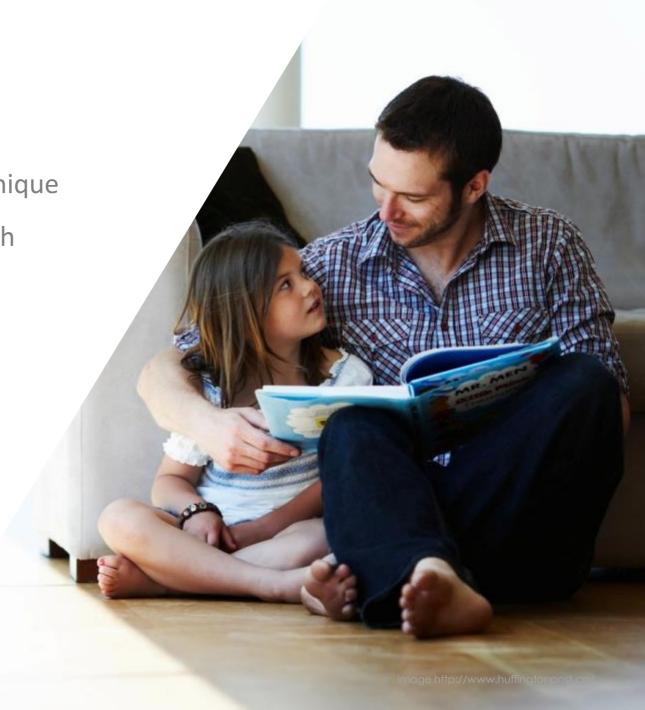


Giving opinions and asking questions, checking information



In this lesson we will discuss the unique and evolved family structures which exist in the 21st century.

START







What types of families do you know?



How many types of families do you know of?

Make a list and compare with your classmates.

What type of family is most common in your country?

VOCABULARY ___

Society (noun) a large group of people who live in the same country or area and have the same laws, traditions, etc.

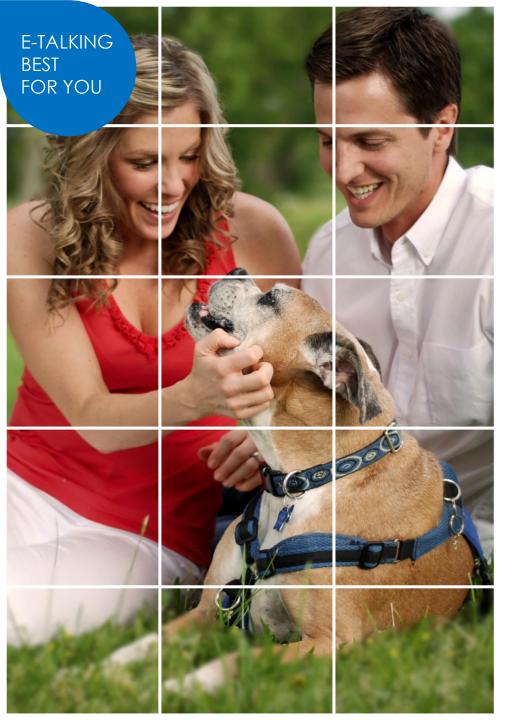
Substitute (verb) to use something or someone instead of another thing or person

Alternative (adjective) not usual

Century (noun) a period of 100 years

Abandonment (noun) act of leaving a place, thing, or person for ever

Adopt (verb) to legally become the parents of someone else's child



Childless Family

There are also many families who do not have children at all. This might be because they either cannot have children, or they choose not to have children. A childless family is sometimes called "the forgotten family" because it does not meet the traditional **standard** set by **society**. It consists of only a husband and a wife who live together. Many childless families have pets in their house as a **substitute** for children in their family.



Do you think childless families face worse social stigma than other families?

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Unique or Alternative Family

There are also several types of unique, or alternative, families in the 21st century. The first one is an extended family. This type of family includes many relatives living together in the same house. Many extended families include: cousins, aunts or uncles and grandparents living together. The second one is a grandparent family. In this type of family grandparents raise their grandchildren and the parents are not part of the child's life. This could be a result of the parents' death, divorce, abandonment, or another unknown reason. The third one is a family made up of gay or lesbian partners and their children. They live together and choose to adopt children.



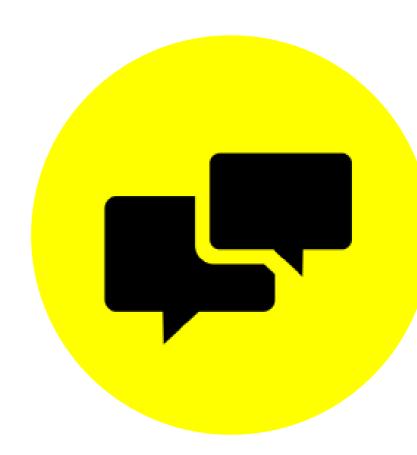
Besides adoption; do you know of any other ways gay and lesbian couples build their families?





REVIEW DISCUSSION

Do you have any opinions (good or bad) about the families in the readings?







SPEAKING TASK

With a partner, discuss the types of prejudice the families in the readings might face from society? Why do you think people have certain opinions about these families?





Complete the sentences using the vocabulary words from this lesson:



society/substitute/alternative/century/abandonment/adopt

Sometimes _____ judges certain family structures.

1.	Grandparents might take care of their grandchildren because of the parents' death, divorce
	or
2.	Gay and lesbian partners who live together with their children are also considered families
	in the 21st
3.	Usually, gay or lesbian partners choose to a child.
4.	Many childless families have pets in their house to for children in their family
5.	There are many families these days.

ASSESSMENT

Thank you!



