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# NEW AGE FAMILIES

Families in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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# INTRODUCTION

Giving opinions and asking questions , checking information

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

START





# WARM-UP

What types of families do you know?



# GETTING STARTED

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.



# DISCUSSION

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 21<sup>st</sup> **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.



## DISCUSSION

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

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## 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?



# ASSESSMENT

Complete the sentences using the vocabulary words  
from this lesson:



**society/substitute/alternative/century/abandonment/adopt**

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.
6. Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ judges certain family structures.

ASSESSMENT

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# Thank you !

