

UNIT 2 TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

Practice 1. Read the following dialogue and practice with your friends in pairs!

Situation: Tui and Andrew talk about their families.

Andrew	:	Tui! You dropped something!
Tui	:	Oh! That's my family picture.
Andrew	:	Here you are.
Tui	:	Thanks, Andrew.
Andrew	:	It looks like you have a big family.
Tui	:	You're right. You can see the whole members. There are my mother, my father, my two older brothers, me, and my two younger sisters.
Andrew	:	So you are the third child in your family.
Tui	:	Yes. What about you? How many brothers and sisters do you have?
Andrew	:	I am an only child.
Tui	:	You are? How does it feel to be the only child? Have you ever felt lonely?
Andrew	:	No. I never feel lonely because there are some cousins that live nearby. They are like my own brother and sister.
Tui	:	Lucky you. My cousins live in a different city so I rarely meet them.
Andrew	:	You are luckier than me. You have a big family.
Tui	:	Ha ha... It is not always like that. We sometimes quibble about trivial things and quarrel with each other.
Andrew	:	Well, at least you still love each other.
Tui	:	This conversation makes me feel homesick. See you in class, Andrew.

Practice 2a. Look at the following picture and fill in the square with the suitable vocabulary!

Diagram showing a family group photo with arrows pointing to empty boxes for labeling family members. The boxes are arranged as follows:

- Left side (top to bottom):
 - Father
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- Right side (top to bottom):
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Talk about these questions!

1. Do you have a big family?
2. Is there any relative living with your family?
3. Can you guess the family members in the picture above?

Practice 2b. Work in pairs to match the following words with its definition!

Aunt	a boy or man who has one or both of the same parents as you
Brother	a female parent
Cousin	a child of your uncle or aunt
Daughter	the sister of your father or mother or the wife of your uncle
family	a group of people who are related to each other
father	a female child
niece	the brother of your father or mother or the husband of your aunt.
Son	a girl or woman who has one or both of the same parents as you
uncle	a male parent
sister	a male child
mother	a daughter of your brother or sister
nephew	the son of your brother or sister

Use the words above to fill in the blanks.

1. Rosy got married to her Kevin, five years ago.
2. Rosy's parents think that she and Kevin are the perfect
3. They have already got three it's a large family of five people.
4. Rosy's sister, Maggy, was born fifteen minutes before she was.
5. Rosy and Maggy look ... but their mother says they are not exactly the same.
6. Maggy isn't married. Rosy knows her sister prefers to be
7. Maggy believes in ... she says she has plenty of time to think about marriage.
8. Sue is Rosy's ... sister. She calls her 'her little sister' in spite of her age.
9. Sue has been ... for six months she'll get married at the end of the year.
10. Sue is an air-hostess. She hates the idea of being a ...

Practice 3a. The following expressions and responses are commonly used to ask or give informations about family!

Expressions	Responses
Do you have a big family?	Yes, I do.
How many brothers and sisters do you have?	I have two brothers and one sister.
What does your father/ mother/ brother/ sister do?	He/ She is a doctor/ banker/ teacher/ accountant.
Does your mom/ dad/ brother/ sister work?	Yes she/he does.
Are you the only child in the family?	No, I have one younger sister.
Do you live with your family?	Yes, I still live with them.
Is there any relative living with your family?	Yes, our grandma lives with us.
Do you look like your dad?	I don't think so. I think I look like my mom.

Grammar Focus : Noun

Noun is a word (except a pronoun) that identifies a person, place or thing, or names one of them (proper noun). The simple definition is: **a person, place or thing**. Here are some examples:

- **person** : man, woman, teacher, John, Mary
- **place** : home, office, town, countryside, America
- **thing** : table, car, banana, money, music, love, dog, monkey

Another (more complicated) way of recognizing a noun is by its ending, position, and function. There are certain word endings that show that a word is a noun, for example:

- -ity → **nationality**
- -ment → **appointment**
- -ness → **happiness**
- -ation → **relation**
- -hood → **childhood**

We can often recognise a noun by its position in the sentence. Nouns often come after a determiner (a determiner is a word like a, an, the, this, my, such):

- the **doctor**
- this **family**
- my **house**
- such **relationship**

Nouns often come after one or more adjectives:

- a great **father**
- a peaceful **afternoon**
- the tall, Indian **brother in law**
- such crass **stupidity**

Function in a sentence

Nouns have certain functions (jobs) in a sentence, for example:

- subject of verb: **Husbands** work hard.
- object of verb: My brother likes **coffee**.
- subject and object of verb: **Mothers** cook **fried rice**.

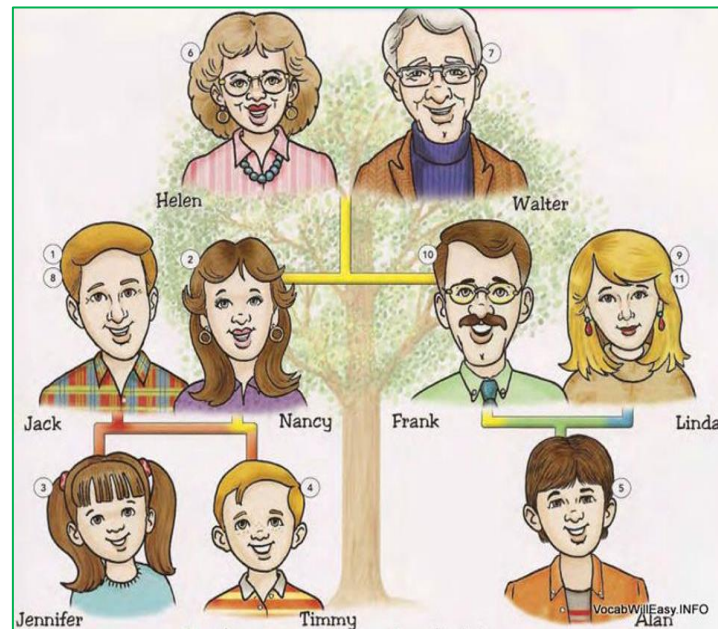
But the subject or object of a sentence is not always a noun. It could be a pronoun or a phrase. In the sentence "My doctor works hard", the noun is "doctor" but the subject is "My doctor".

Practice 3. Work in pairs. Look at the following questions and answer the questions based on your family!

Questions	You	Your Partner
Who is the oldest person alive in your family		
Do you think big family?		
What is your family's favorite activity?		
How many brothers and sisters do you have?		
What does your father do?		
What does your mother do?		
What does your brother do?		
What does your sister do?		
How old is your father?		
How old is your mother?		
How old is your sister?		
How old is your brother?		
Do you still live with your family?		
What is your family's favorite food?		
Do you often go on holiday with your family? Where to?		
Who looks like you? Your mom or your dad?		
Is there any relative living with your family?		
Do you often help your younger sibling with their homework?		
Do you often help your mom doing the household chores?		
Which one are you closer with? Your brother or your sister?		

Practice 4. Discuss with your friend to talk about the family tree below. Begin the story as follows!

This is Timmy's family. He has one sister and no brother. His sister is Jennifer.



Practice 5. Work in pairs to make a dialogue about your family. Introduce your family based on the following pictures!

Picture A



Picture B



Practice 6. Make a group of 3 or 4 persons. Each of the group member has to tell his/her own family by showing a photo of family. The other members ask questions and respond to the story. By the end of the session, each participant can share what he/she thinks about typical of Indonesian family!