THINK! Have you got a big family? How many people live in your house?

The Radfords with sixteen of their children in 2012

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Sue and Noel Radford have got 22 sons and daughters and they've also got six grandchildren. It's a big family, and they're very organised.

Noel gets up at 4.45 a.m., has breakfast and goes to work. The children get up at 6.45 a.m.

Sue works at home. Her older daughter sometimes helps with the housework. The younger children don't help. They watch TV with their brothers and sisters. Sue doesn't watch TV a lot. The Radfords don't usually go to restaurants because it's expensive.

The young children normally go to bed at 7 p.m., the older ones at 8 p.m. or 9 p.m. and their parents go to bed just before 10 p.m.

1 Look at the photo. Choose and write a title a–c for the text. Then read the text and check your idea.

a. Big family, big problems
b. An easy life for the Radfords
c. Happy house

SKILLS STRATEGY

How to predict the meanings of words:

• First, look at the context.
• Then, scan the text to find the meanings of the words, for example, this text is about family members. When you find out the meaning of one family member, it will be easier to work out the rest.

2 ⏱1.22 Read the Skills Strategy. Then read and listen to the text and choose the correct words.

1 Noel **has breakfast / doesn't have breakfast** with his family.
2 The younger children **help / don't help** their older sister.
3 They have dinner **at a restaurant / at home**.
4 The parents **often / always** go to bed after the older children go to bed.

3 VOCABULARY PLUS Use a dictionary to check the meanings of the words in blue in the text.

4 💬 USE IT! Work in groups. Talk about the Radfords and your daily routines. What are the differences?