

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



The Radfords with sixteen of their children in 2012

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.

- Big family, big problems
- An easy life for the Radfords
- 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.

- Noel has breakfast / doesn't have breakfast with his family.
- The younger children help / don't help their older sister.
- They have dinner at a restaurant / at home.
- 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?