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MY FAMILY AND I

Highlights

- Family tree
- Amazing twins
- Changing times, changing families

Dear Children,

A family is a group of individuals who live together in the same house. There are different types of families. Each individual in a family is known as a family member. Each family member is special. One must love and care for one's family. There are different types of family set-ups.



Jump Start

1. Fill in the blanks.

- Parents and children who live together in a house form a _____
- A _____ family consists of grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts and children.
- In a family, we _____ for each other.
- Mother, father and their children together form a _____ family.

Now, tick (✓) what you already know.

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Identify the need for a family

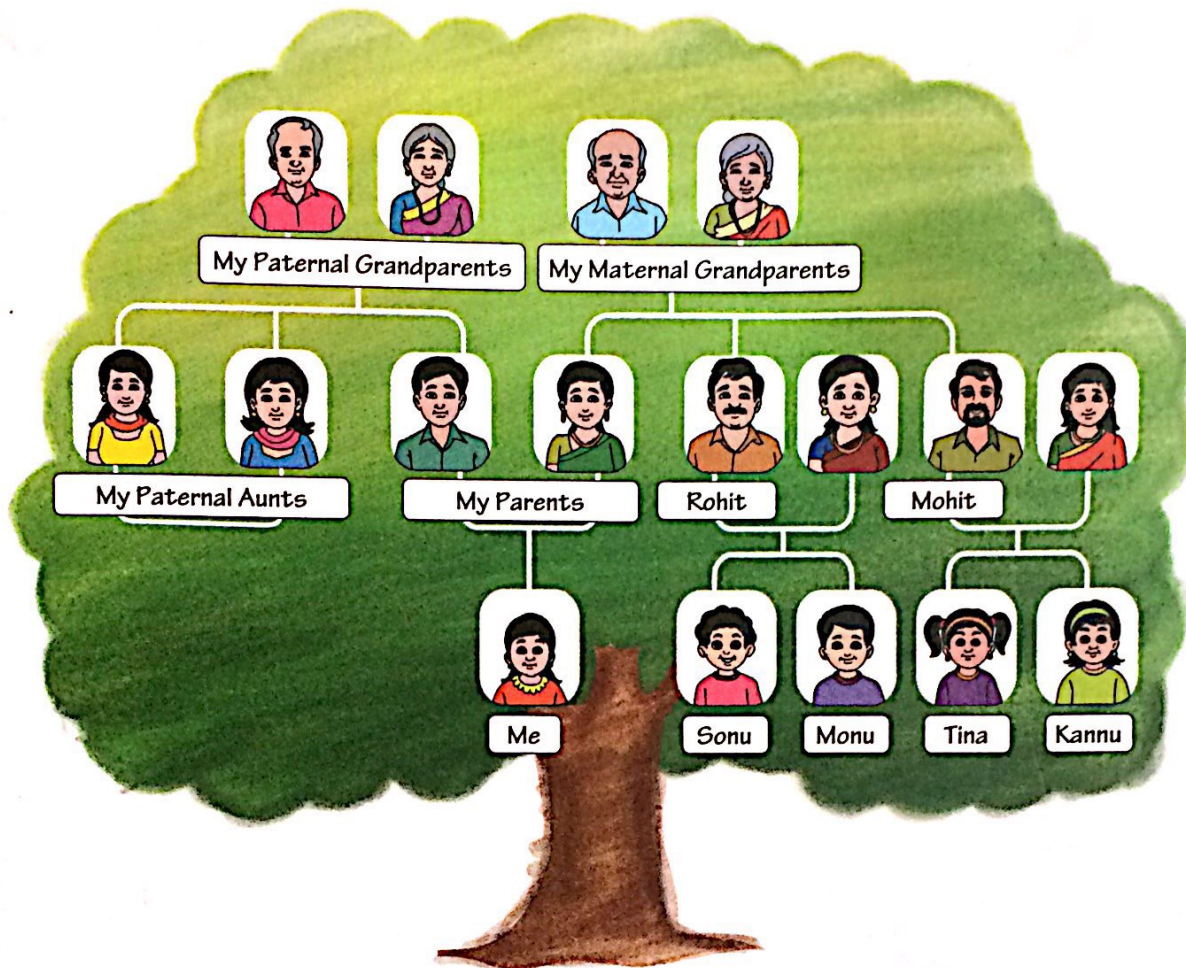
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Identify the types of families

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Family Tree

Aakriti lives with her family in Bengaluru. She has drawn a beautiful family tree for her EVS homework. Observe it and identify Aakriti and her family.



A family tree shows the relationship between the different members of a family pictorially. It shows all the relatives from different generations in a family. These relatives can be paternal or maternal.

Aakriti's paternal family lives in Assam. She has two paternal aunts, both of whom are unmarried.



Using the picture of the family tree, explain the different generations in a family. Encourage the children to talk about their families and name the youngest and the eldest family member.



Amazing Twins

Sometimes two siblings look exactly the same. They are called identical twins. Identical twins are born at the same time to the same parents. They are either two boys or two girls.



Sometimes, two siblings are born at the same time to the same parents, but they do not look alike. They are known as fraternal twins. Fraternal twins may be: Boy – boy, Girl – girl or Boy – girl.



Brain Teaser

Priya and Riya are sisters. Priya has a daughter called Shreya. How is Riya related to Shreya?



Let Us Try

1. Make your own family tree.
2. Who is the youngest member in your family? Is it you, your cousin or your sibling? Write something special about that person.



3. Write T for true or F for false.

(a) A family tree shows the relationship between the different members of a school. _____

(b) Relatives can be maternal and paternal. _____

(c) Your father's sister is your maternal aunt. _____

Changing Times, Changing Families

Aakriti enjoys her time with her maternal family and boards the train to return to Bengaluru from Mumbai.

While returning from Mumbai, it begins to rain heavily. Aakriti sees water everywhere. She asks her mother to take a photograph.



Look at the picture taken by Aakriti's mother and discuss how the rains could have affected life in that area.



Aakriti is sad to see that many huts and small houses along the railway lines are flooded. She asks her mother what would happen to the families living in the houses there. Her mother tells her that these families will be moved to safer places.

Aakriti's mother tells her there are several reasons for changes in family set-ups and in the number of family members. Some of these include:

- Natural calamities: Earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones and floods, which damage houses and force people to shift to other places.
- Weddings: A new member joins or leaves a family and the number of members in a family increase or decrease.



Be sensitive towards the children while discussing this topic as some of them may have experienced a change in their family structure. Encourage the children to share their experiences if they feel comfortable.



- **Births:** The number of family members increase.
- **Relocation:** When people move from one place to another in search of jobs, they may shift from a joint to a nuclear family, or sometimes stay alone.



Fact

Some couples adopt a child and bring him/her up as their own child.



Let Us Try

1. You have learnt about various circumstances due to which changes take place in a family. Give another circumstance that brings about a change in a family.
2. Imagine your father or mother gets transferred and your family decides to move to another city. Write two problems your family may face while relocating.
3. Tick (✓) the correct option(s).

Changes in a family can take place because of:

- (a) Working in the same place
- (b) Visiting relatives
- (c) The birth of a baby
- (d) Natural calamities
- (e) Wedding

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