

Lesson 47

I always put family first.

Target: Having a conversation about family.

Vocabulary

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Family



Related vocabulary

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| - the breadwinner | - a bond | - to settle down |
| - to provide for... | - a nanny | - to start a family |
| - to have a get-together | - an au pair | - be elderly |
| - a matriarch | - one's in-laws | - a black sheep |
| - a patriarch | - to approve of... | - to get along well with... |
| - to put family first | - a family tree | - a nuclear family |
| - to differ | - to name... | - a family unit |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

- Who is the breadwinner in your family?
- Are there any strange people in your family?
- Where is the best place to raise a family?
- Do you believe it's the man's job to provide for the family?
- How often does your family have a big get-together?
- Who should take care of the elderly members of the family?
- Do you like you in-laws?
- Who is the head of your family?
- How do families in different countries differ?
- Does your family have a black sheep?

Partner #2: Questions

- What is the best thing about your family?
- How many people are there in your nuclear / extended family?
- How important is family to you?
- Do you know anyone who was raised by a nanny, or an au pair?
- When do you think people should settle down and start a family?
- Do you think you should follow your dreams even if your parents don't approve of them?
- Do you get along well with your family?
- What kinds of things do you do with your family?
- How did you get your name?
- How far back do you know your family tree?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- Interview:** Interview your partner about their family.
- Speech:** Explain what makes the perfect family.
- Speech:** Share some of your fondest family memories with the class.
- Debate:** You think living in a nuclear family is the best way to raise a family, but your partner believes that living with an extended family is the best way.