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Life stages

12.1 Nearest and dearest

Vocabulary family and relationships

1 Complete the phrases with suitable particles.

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| 1 be close <u>to</u> | 7 care ___ |
| 2 be devoted ___ | 8 get ___ someone's nerves |
| 3 be left ___ | 9 look ___ to |
| 4 be spoilt ___ | 10 take ___ |
| 5 bring joy ___ | 11 tell ___ |
| 6 bring ___ | 12 turn ___ someone |

2 Write six phrases from exercise 1 to match meanings 1-6.

- knowing somebody very well and liking them very much
be close to someone
- look or behave like an older member of your family

- go to someone for help or advice

- care for a child as they grow up, teaching him or her how to behave

- not included or mentioned

- speaking angrily to someone because they did something wrong

3 Replace the underlined part of the sentence using a completed phrase from exercise 1, making any necessary grammatical changes.

- His parents give him everything he wants.
He is spoilt by his parents.
- She really admires her older brother.

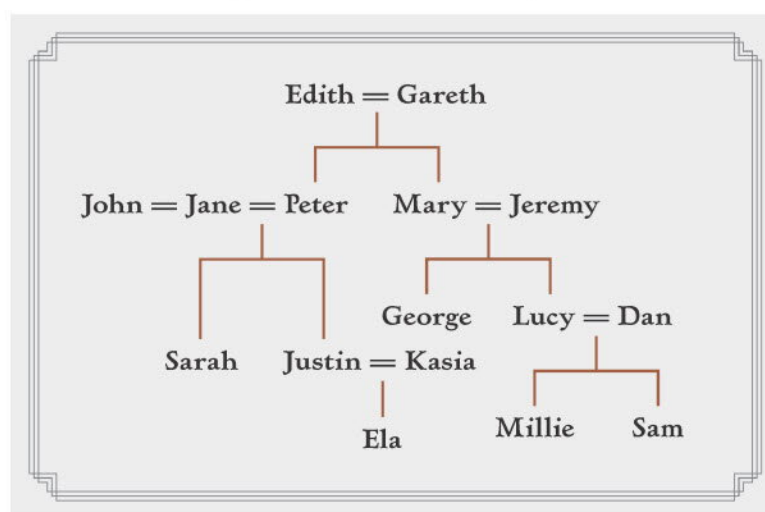
- He looks after his elderly father at home.

- My children are hard work but they make me very happy.

- That noise is really starting to annoy me.

- He really loves his wife. He would do anything for her.

4 Look at the family tree and answer the questions.



Who is Sarah's ...

- twin? Justin
- sister-in-law? _____
- stepfather? _____
- second cousin? _____
- niece? _____
- sibling? _____
- aunt? _____

PRONUNCIATION phrase stress

5 12.1))) Listen to the sentences and mark which word in italics carries the main stress.

- His grandparents helped to *bring him up*.
- I *care for* my mother at home.
- They really *look up to* their big sister.
- Who do you *take after*?
- Please don't *tell me off*.
- I didn't know who to *turn to*.

Grammar unreal situations

- 6 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.
- I only helped you because I didn't know what you planned to do.
If I had *known what you (had) planned to do*, I wouldn't have *helped you*.
 - I don't have much money because I decided to be a nurse.
If _____, I would have more money.
 - I'm only going tonight because Jack is going.
I wouldn't go tonight if _____
 - I don't have a pet because I live in a flat.
If I _____
 - He didn't get the job because he doesn't speak English very fluently.
If he spoke English more fluently, _____
 - He didn't make an effort to get to know people, so he was quite unhappy.
He might have been happier if _____
- 7 Find and correct the mistakes in six of the sentences.
- I wouldn't have met my husband if I ~~didn't take~~ ^{hadn't taken} this job.
 - If I'd had more sleep last night, I would feel better now.
 - If I had forgotten the ticket, I might not been able to travel.
 - My feet would be soaking wet if I hadn't bring my boots.
 - If he had stayed at home, he wouldn't have had an accident.
 - If you lived closer, I would given you a lift home last night.
 - We might not have met if Simon doesn't introduce us.
 - If we didn't need to live near the children's school, we will move.
- 8 Read the article and then complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.
- If the taxi driver _____ (not ask) about the other baby, the Backmans _____ (not know) Lin was a twin.
 - If the Backmans _____ (not write down) the names, they _____ (not be able to) find Emilie.
 - The girls _____ (could know) each other sooner if the adoption papers _____ (be) correct.
 - If Emilie _____ (not be) on Facebook, Lin _____ (could not contact) her.
 - The girls _____ (could go) to each other's weddings if they _____ (meet) earlier.
 - If it _____ (not be) for the taxi driver, the girls _____ (not know) each other now.

Twins born in Indonesia find each other in Sweden thirty years later

Lin Backman was adopted nearly thirty years ago from an orphanage in Indonesia. As her new parents drove away from the orphanage with her in a taxi, the driver asked them about the baby's twin sister. They had no idea that Lin was a twin. The Backmans wrote down both girls' Indonesian names, and back in Sweden they were able to find the other twin Emilie's adoptive family.

However, the adoption papers showed different names for the girls' fathers, so the families decided the girls couldn't be twins after all – or even siblings, as they were the same age – and the families lost touch.

Years later, Lin found Emilie on Facebook using her adoptive name and decided to contact her. The girls discovered that they had a lot in common. They were both teachers and had both got married on the same day (a year apart) and danced to the same song at their wedding.

A DNA test proved that they are indeed twins, and it now seems that their father was a taxi driver. He may even have been the taxi driver who first spoke to Lin's parents.



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