1.2 Family

Reading & Grammar possessive determiners

1 Work with a partner. Look at the photo of some children from a village in India. What is special about them?

2 Read the article and check your ideas.

3 Work with a partner and answer the questions.
   1 Why are the people in Kodinhi not typical?
   2 Are people in Kodinhi happy to have twins?
   3 Why are there a lot of twins in Kodinhi?

4 Work in small groups. Answer the questions.
   1 Do you have twins in your family? Are any of your friends twins?
   2 Is it good or bad to be a twin? Why?

5 Look at the highlighted words in the article and complete the information in the Grammar focus box.

GRAMMAR FOCUS personal pronouns and possessive determiners

Personal pronoun	Possessive determiner
I	1 _____
you	your
he	2 _____
she	her
it	3 _____
we	4 _____
they	5 _____

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6a Underline the correct options.
   1 *She / Her* friends are Italian.
   2 Where's *you / your* wife from?
   3 *I / My* have a big family.
   4 Are *they / their* twins?
   5 *He / His* brother is a teacher.
   6 This is *we / our* house.

b Compare your answers with a partner.

TWIN VILLAGE

Kodinhi is a small village in Kerala in south India. It's a typical village, but its people are not typical. Two thousand families live here and 290 families have twins. In India seven babies in 1,000 are twins, but in Kodinhi, forty-five babies in 1,000 are twins.

Mohammed Rāshin's family is from Kodinhi. He and his wife have seven boys. Four of their sons are twins. Mohammed says, 'My wife and I are very happy with our family. Everyone in the village is happy.'

But why are there so many twins in Kodinhi? How is it possible? No one really has an answer, but the village doctor says it isn't genetic; he thinks it's something in the water or the food.

■ **typical** a good example of something that's usual, normal, average
■ **genetic** things that come from your parents, like blue eyes or brown hair

7 Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

their his her our its my your

   1 a They have a house in Kodinhi.
      b Kodinhi is _their_ home.
   2 a We have seven children – all boys.
      b All _____ children are boys.
   3 a Mohammed and Suhara are the parents.
      b Mohammed is the father; Suhara is _____ wife.
   4 a You have a big family.
      b _____ family is big.
   5 a Suhara's friend has twin girls.
      b _____ friend has twin girls.
   6 a Many people know about the twins in Kodinhi.
      b Kodinhi is famous for _____ twins.
   7 a I have twin sisters.
      b _____ sisters are twins.

Vocabulary & Speaking family

8 Work with a partner. Make a list of all the family members you can think of.

father, wife, …

9a Match a male word to a female word.

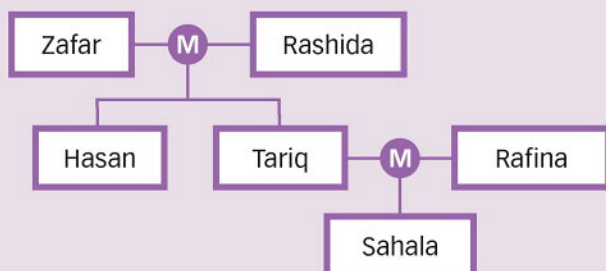| **Male**		**Female**	
1	brother *c*	a	stepmother
2	son	b	grandmother
3	husband	c	sister
4	father	d	sister-in-law
5	uncle	e	niece
6	grandfather	f	daughter
7	grandson	g	mother
8	nephew	h	granddaughter
9	stepfather	i	aunt
10	brother-in-law	j	wife

b **1.5**))) Listen, check and repeat.

c Work with a partner. Choose the correct word.

1 She is the mother of six *child / children*.

2 My uncle and aunt have a daughter, Anna. She is my *cousin / sister*.

3 My *brother / brother-in-law* is a doctor. He and my sister have three children and they all live in Seattle.

4 My *parents / grandparents* have two sons – me and my brother.

5 My father is dead. My mother is now married to Didier. So he's my *stepfather / half-brother*.

10 Work with a partner. Talk about three people in your family.

My brother is married to Marianna. She's a teacher.

Grammar & Speaking possessive *'s*

11 **1.6**))) Listen and complete the family tree.

Zafar —M— Rashida
Hasan | Tariq —M— Rafina
Sahala

Zafar and his wife have two children: a ¹_____, Hasan, and ²_____ twin brother, Tariq. Tariq is ³_____ to Rafina. Sahala is Tariq and ⁴_____ daughter. ⁵_____ three years old.

12 Read the Grammar focus box and complete sentences 1–6 about the family in exercise **11**.

GRAMMAR FOCUS possessive *'s*

We use the possessive *'s* to show that something belongs to someone.
Rafina is Sahala's mother. (= Rafina is her mother)
Her husband's name is Tariq. (= His name is Tariq)
Hasan is Zafar and Rashida's son. (= Hasan is their son)

Note: *'s* is also a contraction of *is*.
My name's Marta. (= My name is Marta.)
It's a Spanish name. (= It is a Spanish name.)

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1 Zafar is _____ husband.
2 Hasan is _____ brother.
3 Rafina is Tariq's _____.
4 Their _____ name is Sahala.
5 Sahala is Zafar's _____.
6 Rashida is _____ grandmother.

PRONUNCIATION similar sounding words

13a **1.7**))) Listen to the phrases and sentences. Is the pronunciation of the highlighted words the same (S) or different (D)?

1	Zafar's wife	Zafar's a doctor.
2	their daughter	They're happy.
3	I'm his son.	He's my father.
4	Is he your brother?	You're right.
5	She's our teacher.	Are you married?

b **1.7**))) Listen again and repeat.

14a TASK Draw your family tree or invent one.

b Work with a partner. Take turns to describe the people in your family tree and to ask questions about your partner's family.

A *My uncle's name is Lester. He is my mother's brother.*
B *How old is he?*

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