

4-13-2017 High Intermediate Lesson --- Family Terms

1. **flesh and blood**: family who are related to you EX: I will support her no matter what happens. She's my own flesh and blood.

If you owned a company, would you favor your own flesh and blood over other employees?

2. **nuclear family** vs. **extended family**: nuclear family is the parents and children, extended family includes aunts, uncles and cousins.

Do you have a large extended family? Is that a good thing or a bad?

3. **Immediate family** includes your children and parents.

4. **Single-parent family**: where only one parent is present. EX: I come from a single-parent home. My mother raised me all alone.

In your country is there any shame attached to being from a single parent family? Do you know any single parents you admire?

5. **Blended family**: when a man and woman get married and blend the children from their former marriages. The children are stepsisters or stepbrothers or half-sisters or brothers. Half brothers and sisters have one parent in common. Stepsisters and brothers do not share a parent.

Do you have any half brother or sisters or step sisters or brothers? Do you all get along?

6. **Close knit family**: family in which everyone is very close and enjoys being together.

Is yours a close knit family? Give an example of things you do together.

7. **Dysfunctional family**: family where no one gets along. There might be lots of arguing or fighting.

Anyone know of a dysfunctional family?

8. **My folks** is the same as my parents. EX: My folks are coming in tomorrow. The folks are coming for Christmas.

9. **baby of the family**: youngest child

Anyone the baby of the family? Is that an advantage or disadvantage?

10. **in laws**: parents of your spouse

Do you get along with your in-laws?

11. **my better half**: my spouse EX: I'd like to go out tonight, but I need to check with my better half.

12. **blood brother**: a person who is not your real brother, but is as close as a real brother. This term comes from the practice of two good friends cutting each other then pushing the cut areas together so that their blood is exchanged. This was a very common practice in the 50's when I grew up. Not so much now that everyone is worried about AIDS.

Do you have a blood brother?

13. **biological parent**: the parent who is related genetically

14. **family man**: a man who is devoted to his family

Was your dad a family man?

15. **stay-at-home mom**: a mother who doesn't work outside the home and spends most of their time caring for the home and children.

16. **soccer mom**: a mother who spends a lot of time taking her children to after-school activities such as soccer practice

17. **supermom**: a mother who is able to manage the home easily

18. **family likeness**: people in the family look or act alike EX: I didn't know you were Sam's sister. But now that I know it, I do see a family likeness.

Do you have a family likeness to your father or mother?

19. **runs in the family**: personality traits that several people in the family have EX: I'm really good at sports. It runs in the family. My dad played college sports.

What trait runs in your family? Do you have that trait?

20. **resemble**: look like EX: Sara resembles her mother more than her father.

21. **daddy's girl**: a girl who is favored and indulged by her father EX: Sara won't go to her mother. She is definitely a daddy's girl. EX: Sam would do anything for his daughter. She is daddy's girl. This is usually a positive term.

Were you a "daddy's girl"?

22. **momma's boy**: a boy who is too close to his mother, or too needy and soft EX: Jimmy won't go hunting with his dad. He's a momma's boy. He'd rather stay home and cook. This is usually a negative term.

23. **spitting image of someone**: just like someone EX: Sara is the spitting image of her mother.

24. **like father like son** or **like mother like daughter**: son or daughter who resembles the parent EX: Ted and his son are both lawyers. Like father like son. EX: John loves to hunt and fish. Like father like son.

25. **chip off the block**: just like your parent EX: Bobby likes nothing better than to work on old cars. He is a chip off the block. His father spends every free moment doing that.

How are you a "chip off the block"?

26. **family affair**-business that is handled within the family. EX: I didn't want to get involved in Sara and Ted's problems. That was a family affair. EX: Ted and his dad opened a business together. It's a family affair.