# Family ESL lesson plan (A2)

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| Stage | Time |
|---|---|
| Warm-up | 5–10 min |
| Vocabulary | 15 min |
| Controlled practice | 10 min |
| Grammar focus | 10 min |
| Speaking | 15 min |
| Wrap-up and homework | 5 min |

## 1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- How many people are there in your family?
- Do you have any brothers or sisters?
- Who do you live with?

## 2. Vocabulary (15 min)

*Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.*

| Word | Meaning | Example |
|---|---|---|
| **relative** | a member of your family | All our relatives came to the wedding. |
| **niece** | the daughter of your brother or sister | My niece is starting school. |
| **nephew** | the son of your brother or sister | My nephew loves football. |
| **grandchild** | the child of your son or daughter | They have six grandchildren. |
| **mother-in-law** | the mother of your husband or wife | My mother-in-law is very kind. |
| **brother-in-law** | the brother of your husband or wife, or your sister's husband | My brother-in-law is a chef. |
| **stepfather** | the man who is married to your mother but is not your father | My stepfather taught me to drive. |
| **partner** | the person you live with or have a relationship with | She lives with her partner. |
| **divorced** | no longer married by law | My parents are divorced. |
| **elder** | older, used for brothers and sisters | My elder sister is a nurse. |

## Grammar focus (10 min): Possessive ’s and whose

It is the morning after a birthday party at Rosa’s house. There are a lot of things on the sofa. Rosa asks her brother: “Whose jacket is this?” “It’s Anna’s jacket. And those are Tom’s keys.” By the end of this lesson you can say who things belong to with ’s, and ask with whose.

| Form | Pattern | Example |
|---|---|---|
| **One owner** | owner + ’s + thing | Anna’s jacket · the dog’s bed |
| **Plural owners** | owners + ’ + thing | my parents’ car |
| **Whose** | Whose + noun + is / are…? | Whose keys are these? — They’re Tom’s. |
| **’s = is / has** | look at the next word | Tom’s tired. · Tom’s got a car. |

Watch for: ~~This is the car of my father.~~ → **This is my father’s car.**. A person is the owner: owner + ’s.

## Speaking (15 min): Draw and describe a family tree

The learner sketches three generations of a real or invented family and introduces five people: name, relationship, one fact and one thing they have in common with the learner. You ask one question about each person.

### Useful language

- I take after my… / I look like my…
- I was brought up by… / I grew up in…
- My sister’s husband is… / my parents’ house
- We get on well. / We don’t always get on.
- an only child · a sibling · in-laws · a relative
- We’re very close.

## Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about family using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A2 family vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

# Family (A2)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

## A. Word bank

**born · takes after · get on with · got married · look after · grew up · wedding · look like**

## B. Complete the sentences

*Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.*

1. I _____ my brother very well.
2. You _____ your father.
3. They _____ last summer.
4. I _____ in a small village.
5. We're going to a _____ on Saturday.
6. I _____ my little brother after school.
7. She _____ her mother.
8. I was _____ in 1998.

## C. Talk with a partner

*Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.*

1. What is your mother's or father's job?
2. Who is the oldest person in your family?
3. What do you do with your family at the weekend?
4. Who do you look like?
5. Do you have a pet? Is it part of the family?

## Write

*Write 80–120 words about family. Use six words from the lesson.*

### Answer key

**B. Complete the sentences:** 1 get on with · 2 look like · 3 got married · 4 grew up · 5 wedding · 6 look after · 7 takes after · 8 born