Family ESL lesson plan (B1)

B1 (intermediate) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

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)

- Who are you closest to in your family, and why?
- What is a family tradition that you want to keep?
- What were the rules in your house when you were a child?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

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

Word	Meaning	Example
raise	to look after a child until it is an adult	She raised three children on her own.
bring up	to look after and teach a child as it grows	I was brought up by my grandparents.
upbringing	the way a child is treated and taught at home	She had a strict upbringing.
strict	expecting rules to be obeyed	My parents were very strict about homework.
spoil	to give a child everything it wants, which is bad for it	Grandparents love to spoil their grandchildren.
generation	all the people born at about the same time	Three generations live in the same house.
ancestor	a family member who lived a long time ago	My ancestors came from Ireland.
sibling	a brother or sister	Do you have any siblings?
extended family	a family including aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents	My extended family meets every Christmas.
single parent	a mother or father who raises a child alone	She's a single parent with two jobs.

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 B1 family vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Family (B1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

fell out · pregnant · argued · make up · babysit · adopted · gave birth · rely on

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. My brother and I _____ all the time as kids.
2. My sister is _____ with twins.
3. She _____ with her sister over money.
4. I _____ for my neighbors on Fridays.
5. They always _____ quickly.
6. She _____ to a healthy boy.
7. I can always _____ my parents.
8. They _____ a baby girl.

C. Talk with a partner

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

1. How are you different from your parents?
2. Tell me about a relative who has an interesting story.
3. What is the best advice someone in your family has given you?
4. How often does your whole family get together? What happens?
5. Is it better to grow up in a big family or a small one?

Write

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

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 argued · 2 pregnant · 3 fell out · 4 babysit · 5 make up · 6 gave birth · 7 rely on · 8 adopted