Family: conversation questions for English classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

How many people are there in your family?

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Do you have any brothers or sisters?

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Who do you live with?

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What is your mother's or father's job?

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Who is the oldest person in your family?

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What do you do with your family at the weekend?

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Who do you look like?

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Do you have a pet? Is it part of the family?

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B1–B2 · Intermediate

Who are you closest to in your family, and why?

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What is a family tradition that you want to keep?

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What were the rules in your house when you were a child?

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How are you different from your parents?

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Tell me about a relative who has an interesting story.

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What is the best advice someone in your family has given you?

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How often does your whole family get together? What happens?

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Is it better to grow up in a big family or a small one?

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C1–C2 · Advanced

How has the idea of family changed in your country over the last two generations?

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Should adult children be responsible for looking after their parents?

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Are friends the family we choose? How far does that idea go?

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What do parents today worry about that their own parents never did?

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Is it possible to be a good parent and fully committed to a career?

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How much of who we are comes from our family, and how much do we decide?

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What family expectations are hardest to say no to?

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If you could ask a great-grandparent one question, what would it be?

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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.