

**Activity 1**

*Write the female equivalent of the family words below.*

<i>Father</i>	.....
<i>Husband</i>	.....
<i>Brother</i>	.....
<i>Son</i>	.....
<i>Uncle</i>	.....
<i>Grandfather</i>	.....
<i>Grandson</i>	.....

**Activity 2**

*Discuss with your partner what the family words below mean.*

parent relation relative spouse sibling twin step-father half-brother great grandfather

**Activity 3**

*Read the following questions and use them to start a conversation with your partner.*

1. Do you come from a large or a small family? How many people are there in your family and what relation are they to you?
2. Who are your favourite relatives, and why?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being an only child?
4. How important is it for families to have regular get-togethers? Do you enjoy family get-togethers?
5. On what occasions does your family get together? How important is it for families to celebrate certain occasions (such as weddings, birthdays, Christmas, etc.) together?
6. How important is it to see your parents and relatives regularly after leaving home?
7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a twin? Would you like to have a twin? Why/not?
8. Who do you look like in your family? Who do you take after the most?
9. Is divorce permitted in your culture? How much does divorce affect the different members of a family?
10. What difficulties do you think single parents face? What, if anything, should society do to help single parents?
11. In your opinion what are the most difficult things parents have to do?
12. What are the worst mistakes parents can make?
13. Should parents be held responsible for the actions of their children (for example if the child commits a crime)?
14. Is it ever acceptable to smack a child? Why/not?
15. Should grown-up children be responsible for looking after their elderly parents? Why/not?

**Activity 4**

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. What is the difference between a nuclear family and an extended one?
2. Why are one-parent families becoming more common these days?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

**Activity 5**

**'Grown-up children should look after their elderly parents.'**

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

**N.B. Netiquette! PLEASE CHANGE THE DEFAULT SUBJECT LINE TO INDICATE THE OPINIONS IN YOUR POST BECAUSE IN A BUSY THREAD IT HELPS PEOPLE DECIDE WHICH POSTS TO READ!**

**EnglishClub.com**