



## FAMILY AND LIFE

### PART ONE USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

1. In all, my family has six people in the same house.
2. My dad runs a print shop and my mom is a nurse.
3. Do you have older brothers and sisters?
4. My cousin was born in China but moved to Canada at 10 so she is fully bilingual.
5. I am looking forward to visiting my relatives in Australia.
6. We all get along together most of the time.
7. After grandpa passed away, my grandma had to live with us.
8. Please give my best wishes to your family for Christmas.
9. There are more and more single parent households than ever before.
10. I want to make some new friends through the Internet social sites.
11. My aunt is a fitness instructor at that gym.
12. My whole family has graduated from that university.
13. That couple always seem to be arguing about everything.
14. Her husband died last year in a car accident.
15. They got divorced after 10 years of marriage.

### PART TWO MORE USEFUL EXAMPLES

1. Her home is always so messy. She just doesn't care enough to clean it.
2. Young adults live on their own in many modern societies.
3. He is such a disgrace to his family.
4. At home, he is the only one with a fulltime job now.
5. I have to work much harder to support aging parents.
6. It was difficult to blend their families together. Their respective kids were confused.
7. Even though Mike and Mark are identical twins, they have very different personalities.
8. She is limited by her strong family ties.
9. I got to know some foreigners in the bar. And we had a nice chat.
10. These are all my classmates in college. They are now all over the world.
11. They had an arranged marriage and are still happy together.
12. Cross cultural relationships and marriages have unique problems.
13. Their constant fighting is such a strain on the whole family.
14. Discipline begins at home and is the parent's responsibility.
15. Sibling rivalry can cause problems in some families.

## PART THREE SITUATIONAL DIALOGUE PRACTICE

### Number 1

Read the dialogue below and complete it so that Ben gives the reasons why the family reunion will be in Hong Kong. Use between 20 -30 words for your response.

#### Family Reunions

**Ben:** My family is going to have a reunion in Hong Kong this summer vacation.

**Mark:** Are you planning to go?

**Ben:** Absolutely. All my uncles and aunts and their families from all over will be there.

**Mark:** Have you been to Hong Kong?

**Ben:** No, never. I am very excited to get to this family reunion.

**Mark:** sounds really great. But, why is the reunion in Hong Kong?

**Ben:** Because ...

### Number 2

Read the dialogue below and complete it so that B explains some the recent changes in her husband. Use 20 -30 words for your response.

#### Relationship Problems

**A:** So, how are things at home now?

**B:** Still the same. We seem to have endless arguments.

**A:** How long have things been this way?

**B:** Ever since his Mom moved in with us. He has changed so much since then.

**A:** In what way has your husband?

**B:** Firstly, he now ...

Secondly, ...

Thirdly, ...