

We are Family

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Big or small, traditional or non-traditional; all families are about love and taking care of each other.

Keywords

- a nuclear family → en kernefamilie
- to be divorced → at være skilt
- a stepfamily → en sted-familie
- to be (un)traditional → at være (u)traditionel

Traditional families

Many families have a mother, a father and children who all live under the same roof. This is called a nuclear family. But there are so many other types of families. Some people even see their pets as family members.

Did you know?

... that the word '*cousin*' in English can mean both a boy and a girl? It is not like in Danish.



Big or small. Traditional or unusual - it is still a family.

Your family shapes you

There is no question that your family shapes who you are. You all live in the same home, and you share rules and customs. Whether you are the oldest, the youngest, or an only child, also shapes you.

The modern family

Many families are modern. Some parents are divorced. Some people have stepsisters and stepbrothers. Some families have two mothers or fathers. Children are adopted into families from all over the world. Whether they are traditional or modern – they are all families.

Your Family

- What does your family look like? Write down or draw your family structure. *(Which and how many family members do you have in your family? Who do you share a house/an apartment with?)*

Family Values

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You share a home with your family, and you probably see them everyday. What is it that makes your family unique?

Keywords (Skriv den danske oversættelse af ordet)

a *rule* → _____

to *respect* → _____

to be *responsible* → _____

to be *unique* → _____

to be *honest* → _____

House Rules

In most families, there is a certain set of rules. Most children might see rules as a negative thing, but parents use them to teach positive family values like respect, responsibility and honesty.

Parents' Responsibility

It is a parent's responsibility to teach their kids to be polite and treat others well. It is up to the parents to help their children to learn right from wrong. Other adults in the family network, for example teachers and neighbours, can also help.

Don't do the Crime if you can't do the Time

From time to time, kids make bad decisions or get into trouble. Parents can be strict, meaning that they have a lot of rules with serious punishments if the rules are broken. Or they can be laid-back about rules and how they enforce them.