

American Families



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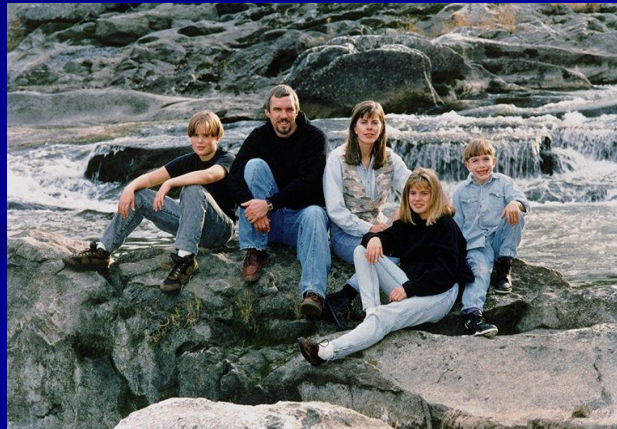
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My family is not very big, just a traditional family: Dad, Mom,
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They spend a lot of their time in the garden.
They grow vegetables and fruits.
I love my family very much.
We always help one another.
Everyone in my family is my best friend.

Get ready to discuss the following questions in class:

1. Do you think that family is the most important thing in our life?
2. What can you tell us about your family?
3. What is the most important thing in your family?
4. Do you think that a child should have both parents? Why?
5. Do you think that families which adopt children from orphanages should be supported by the government? In what way?

This is the end of the self-study lesson.

Thank you.

No way!

Guess again!

Not exactly!

Not quite!

That's absolutely right!