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American Families



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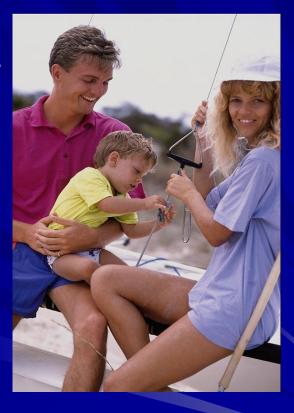
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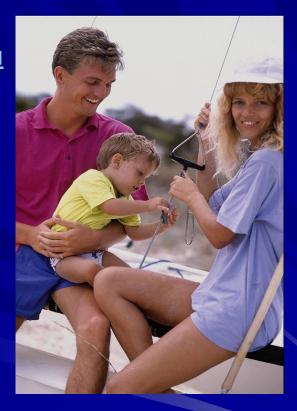
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- 2. What has been recently found out?
- 3. Are there many different kinds of families today in America?
- 4. Are there many unmarried women who have babies in the USA?

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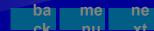


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- 2. The traditional family includes a man and woman who are married.
- 3. Nowadays there are not many single parents in America.
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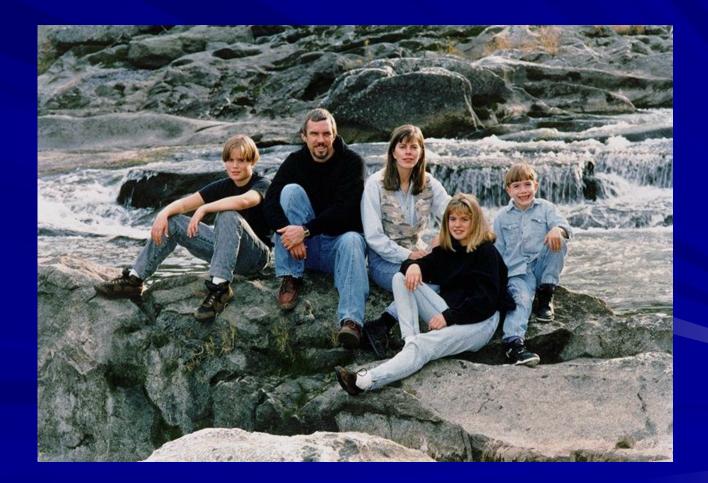


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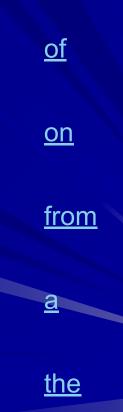
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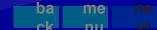
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- 1.Do you think that family is the most important thing in our life?
- 2. What can you tell us about your family?
- 3. What is the most important thing in your family?
- 4.Do you think that a child should have both parents? Why?
- 5.Do you think that 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.





Guess again!

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Not quite!

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That's absolutely right!

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