

Spotlight 11 Module 1

FAMILY TIES

FAMILY WORDS

- **The nuclear family** consists of only the parents and their children.
- **The extended family** is formed by parents, children, uncles and aunts, grandparents, etc.
- In **a one-parent** or **single-parent family** there is only one parent living with the children, either because they are divorced or because they have decided to raise their children single-handedly.



- A **relative** is someone who belongs to your family. Relatives can either be **close** or **distant**.
- **Relation** is another way to say "relative", especially in spoken English. A **blood relation** is someone who is related to you by birth, not by marriage.
- Your **next of kin** is your closest relative.
- **Ancestors** or **forefathers** are the people from whom you are descended.
- **Descendants** are the relatives of a person or group of people who are born many years after them.
- **Siblings/sibs** are individuals having one or both parents in common.

FAMILY IDIOMS

It runs in the family - an ability or talent that is passed on through the generations (*My brothers and I have red hair. It runs in the family.*)

your own flesh and blood - a member of your family, do not forget it!

blood is thicker than water - family ties are stronger than any others, despite arguments

bad blood - hostility or unfriendliness between two families or family members

black sheep of the family - the worst member of the family

Compare and contrast the pictures:

- 1) What do they have in common?
- 2) How different are they?



Use: They (are quite similar because they) both/ all show/have/are...

There arein both/all of them.

There are some differences. One....but the other

The one on the left is/shows/hasbut the one on the right