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## Living Together



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# 1 Family and culture

**In this unit you will learn:**

- what it means to be part of a family
- about other sorts of groups
- to celebrate the differences between people and their cultures
- to work together in a group.



Which special celebrations do you have in your family?

**traditional marriage  
culture heritage goal  
ingredients**

# 1.1 My place in my family

**In these lessons you will learn:**

- what makes a family
- that we have different relationships within our family.

## Families

When we speak of a family we sometimes mean a group of people made up of only parents and their children. The size of this family can vary, depending on how many children the parents have.

The children in these families are brothers and sisters to each other and are sons or daughters to the parents.

The word 'family' also means other relations beyond parents and their children. This wider family includes relatives such as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.



▲ In some countries it is common for many family members to live together in the same house or very close by.

## People in a family are special

All of the people in our family are special to us. They are the ones who love and care for us.

In our family we learn how to show respect. We learn to live together, to share and to help one another.

Our brothers and sisters can help us learn to share and how to play together well.



▲ Older brothers and sisters can help with raising younger children. Sometimes members of our wider family will help to look after us.

### Activities

- 1 Make a drawing showing you, the family members who share your home, and other family members.
- 2 Write about your relationship with three different members of your family.

## 1.2 Together as a family

**In this lesson you will learn:**

- what is good about spending time with our family
- to say how a family spends time together.

### The importance of family

Families are important.

We say we are 'part of a family' because we belong there. Each member of the family helps to make it what it is.

We should feel safe and loved in our family.

We can share all our cares and worries with people in our family.

We can share all our joys and successes as well.

### Family time

We have very special relationships with members of our family. For any relationship to grow, the people in that relationship need to spend time together. This is true for families too.



◀ There are some times in the day when family members can all be together.



▲ Our family can help us as we learn.

When family members spend time together they get to know each other really well.

In a family we learn how to co-operate and how to share. We learn about showing respect and treating people well.



◀ Families sometimes share special outings.

## Activities

- 1 Work in a small group to talk and write about things a family does together.
- 2 Write down what you think people learn during these times and what they enjoy.