

Unit 7: Getting along, Lesson B

Before you watch

A Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

occupy myself
only child

siblings
single parent

time for myself

1. I was a(n) _____. I think I had a closer relationship with my parents than my friends who had brothers and sisters.
2. I loved having _____. There was always someone to talk to.
3. My mom was a(n) _____ since my father died when I was little.
4. I have six brothers and sisters and I love them all very much, but I never felt that I had any _____ when I was younger. There was always someone there.
5. I was always finding new ways to _____ when I was little because my parents were so busy.

While you watch

A Watch the video. Write the name of the correct people to complete the sentences.



Osman



Sophia



Lilli



Sean

1. _____ are only children.
2. _____ got lots of attention.
3. _____ had a single parent.
4. _____ had many siblings.
5. _____ was lonely.

B Watch the video. Check (✓) true or false.

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| 1. Osman never had anyone to play with. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. Osman thinks that kids should be around other kids. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. Osman wanted somewhere quiet to study. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. Sophia never had anyone else to blame when she got in trouble. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |

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| 5. Sophia worries about how her childhood affected her. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 6. Lilli's mom never had time for herself. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 7. Lilli was always hungry when she was little. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 8. Lilli was very close with her family. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 9. Sean had a lot of problems when he was a kid. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 10. Sean was under a lot of pressure to get good grades. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 11. Sean didn't have any opportunities to spend time with other kids. | <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False |

After you watch

A Answer the questions below with information about you.

1. Which of the four people from the video had a childhood similar to yours? What about their childhood was similar? What was different?

2. Were you an only child or did you have lots of siblings? Did you ever wish you did or didn't have siblings? Why or why not?

3. Family life can be stressful. What did you find stressful about your family when you were a kid?

B Do you think it is better to have a big family or a small family? Is it better to have siblings or to be an only child? Write a paragraph with your responses to these questions and why you feel that way.
