

4A Families

Activity 1

- A** A: OK, let's complete the first chart. What's the matching male word for "grandmother"?
B: It's "grandfather." What's the matching female word for "father"?
A: It's "mother."

Activity 1

- D** A: Can you describe your family?
B: Sure. I have an older sister and a younger brother. My sister's name is Maria, and my brother's name is Tony. How about you?
C: I don't have any brothers or sisters. I'm an only child.

Activity 2

- A** A: What are the advantages and disadvantages if you live with your family?
B: If you live with your family you can save money. That's an advantage.
A: That's right. And you don't have to pay rent.
B: Right. Let's think of some disadvantages now.

Activity 2

- B** A: Are you finished? Let's compare answers.
B: OK. If you live with your family, you can save money.
C: That's true. But you have no privacy, and you are less independent.
D: How about if you live alone? An advantage is that you can be messy.

Activity 2

- C** A: What is a typical family in your country?
B: A small family is typical in my country. But my parents had a large family.
C: It's the same in my country. These days, a typical family has only two children.
A: Did your parents have a large family?
B: Yes, they had five children.
C: Wow! My parents only had two children – my brother and me.
A: Did your grandparents have a large family?
B: Yes. My mother's parents had six children, and my father's parents had five.
C: Really? My grandparents on my father's side had 12 children!
A: Can friends be family members?
B: Well, I think really good family friends can be family members.
C: I don't think so. They're not really the same as family members.
A: Can pets be family members?
B: Of course! I think most pet owners consider their pets to be family members.
C: Really? I disagree. I mean, a dog is a dog – not a person!
D: I think it depends on the pet. A pet dog is very different from a pet fish.

4B Friends

Activity 1

- A** A: What are they doing? What do you think they're talking about?
B: They're shopping. Maybe they're talking about what to buy. What do you think?
A: I think so, too.

Activity 1

- D** A: Who is your best friend? How did you first meet?
B: I met my best friend, Sun Hee, last year. We were in the same English class. Sometimes we went for a snack after class. How about you?
C: My best friend is Alex. We first met 15 years ago when we started school together.
- A: Who is your newest friend? How did you meet?
B: My newest friend is Jeff. We both came to class early and began to talk.
C: Really? I met my newest friend, Pedro, because we were both *late* for class!
- A: What do you and your friends do together?
B: Sometimes we play tennis together or go out for dinner. What about you?
C: My friends and I usually go shopping or sing karaoke together.

Activity 2

- B** A: Let's compare our answers. Do your friends do these things?
B: I think a good friend encourages you. My friend Marta always does that. She says, "You can do it!"
A: That's nice. My friend Tony always remembers my birthday. He sends me a card every year.

Activity 2

- C** A: What does a good friend never do?
B: A good friend never talks behind your back and never forgets your birthday.
C: I agree. Also, a good friend never tells your secrets to other people.
D: Well, I think a good friend never borrows your things without asking.