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# Family 2

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## Is family important in your country?

Note: 'Family' can be **both singular and plural**, depending on the emphasis you want to show.

As a **collective** noun, we tend to say '**family is** important', but if we want to emphasize the **individuals** in the family, we say '**family are** important'.

Read more about this here

<https://blog.harvardcommunications.com/2017/02/07/the-family-is-or-the-family-are/>

Yes, they are our flesh and blood

Family is a priority

Family is **really** crucial

Family plays a pivotal role in our lives

Our family instills certain values in us

Family bonds are important

Family help you get **through thick and thin** (difficult times)

They can help you get **through the ups and downs**

Your family will stand by you

## Families today and families in the past

*For this type of question you can use a 3 step approach - and show off 3 different tenses. It also helps you organise your ideas fluently*

1. In the past, families **were** bigger

2. But things **have changed** a lot

3. Now, families **tend** to be smaller

1. Previously families **used to** live under the same roof

2. However, families **have gone through changes**

3. Now, they **tend** to live apart

1. In past times, families **were** close knit units

2. But things **have changed** somewhat

3. Nowadays families **are** not as close as they used to be

**In terms of** respect, they are different

**In terms of** the age of marriage they are different

**In terms of** family values there have been some changes

**As far as** incomes **are concerned**, more and more women have become **breadwinners**

Young people are less **respectful** of older people

**Demographics** have changed

We typically have smaller **family units** these days

In days gone by, families used to bond more.

I'd say families are less **conservative** compared to the past

# The role grandparents play in families nowadays

Child carers

Babysitting

Mentors

Advisors

A bridge to tradition

They pass on traditions to the next generation

They have a role in helping their grandchildren have fun.

They share their wisdom

They can educate and pass on family values to their grandchildren

It is their duty to break the rules.

Sometimes they bring up their grandchildren

Some prefer to have a hands-off role

Some are very hands-on

They tend to spoil grandchildren

# Responsibility for care of the elderly

Family  
Grandchildren  
Friends  
Community  
The government

It's sometimes difficult for the children, as they may have work commitments too

Elderly thrive better when cared for by people who love them

The responsibility should lie with...

It's really up to...

To my mind, it's the job of....