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VOCABULARY AND EXPRESSIONS

Introducing your family

There are 3 of us

I have 2 siblings, an elder brother and elder sister

I am an only child

My close family (my partner and children)

My direct or immediate family (parents, grandparents, siblings, children)

My extended family (my direct family plus uncles, aunties, and cousins, as well as in-laws).

I met my wife / husband / partner / spouse...

I was working in Spain **at the time**,
I had been working there for several years
We **met** in my calligraphy class

Nice way to use three tenses in a short anecdote

Ages and Stages of Life

Stage and Age (approx)	Useful expressions and phrases		
Baby 0 -18 mnths	She eats, cries and sleeps	She takes after her mother (looks like)	
Toddler 2-4 yrs Infant 2 - 5 yrs	She is so stroppy / bolshy. (demanding and annoying). He is a bundle of joy (great fun to be with)	He absorbs everything like a sponge. He picks things up quickly (learns quickly).	She's at the terrible twos stage
Child 4-12 yrs	He throws tantrums (get angry). Have an outburst. They pester their parents (annoy parents by asking for things)	She's a barrel of fun	He's the apple of my eye (I love him)
Teenager 13 - 18 yrs	She's in that rebellious stage	They are going through puberty, and hormonal changes.	
Young adult 18 - 30 yrs	They come of age (become an adult). He is irresponsible	She's all over the place (can't find her direction in life)	She's all grown up. They have grown wings - they are leaving the nest.
Middle aged 40-60 yrs	He's going through a mid-life crisis	She's getting on. (she's getting older) He's over the hill. (too old)	
Old aged / Elderly 70+	He's doing well for his age	She'll live to a ripe old age. He's a silver surfer (an elderly person who like to use the Internet)	

Do you spend much time with your family?

Yes, I do.

Note: It's really natural English to answer this question with 'Yes, I do' / 'No, I don't'. Rather than just 'yes' or 'no'.

I like to **spend quality time** with them

During this lockdown period, I am **with them 24/7**

No, I don't

Note: You don't want to just say 'no'. Start to develop your answers. For example...

I **am miles away** from them actually, due to the lockdown.

I work in a different city, so I **don't get to see** them much

Do you prefer spending time with your family or your friends?

It depends, if I am going to a bar, **then** I'd like to hang out with friends, **but if I am** going to see a movie, **I'd rather** go with family

I don't spend as much as time with my family **as I should**, because I live abroad, but I would like to see them more frequently

I like both equally, I tend to spend an equal amount of time with both friends and family

Probably more with my family, I think **blood is thicker than water**

IDIOMS

Like father, like son

It runs in the family

Blonde hair runs in the family. Artistic talent runs in the family.

I followed in my Dad's footsteps

I took over my Dad's business and followed in his footsteps.

Blood is thicker than water (= Family is more important than friends)

She's the breadwinner (= She earns the money)

My mother is the breadwinner in our family

She brings home the bacon (= She earns the money)

The black sheep of the family (the naughty / bad one in the family)