

# UNIT 1: HOME LIFE

## A. READING

**WARM -UP:** Look at the pictures and describe them

**Nuclear family :** Nuclear family consists of the father, the mother, and the children.

**Extended family :** Extended family consists of the grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, and in-laws...

**Single parent family :** A single parent family consists of the children and one parent either the father and the mother

**Blended families or step families :** A family in which both parents have been divorced, each with their own children they remarry and bring both sets of children into the marriage. It consists of stepparents, stepsister, stepbrother, halfbrother and half sister.

### PASSAGE

I come from a family of five people: my parents, my two younger brothers and I. My mother works as a nurse in a big hospital. She has to work long hours and once a week she has to work on a night shift. My father is a biologist. He works from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in a lab, but sometimes when there is a project, he doesn't come home until very late at night. Although my parents are very busy at work, they try to spend as much time with their children as possible. It is generally believed that "men build the house and women make it home", but in my family, both parents join hands to give us a nice house and a happy home.

My mother is a very caring woman. She takes the responsibility for running the household. She is always the first one to get up in the morning to make sure that we leave home for school having eaten breakfast and dressed in suitable clothes. In the afternoon, after hospital, she rushes to the market, then hurries home so that dinner is ready on the table by the time Dad gets home. Dad is always willing to give a hand with cleaning the house. Unlike most men, he enjoys cooking. Sometimes, at weekends, he cooks us some special dishes. His eel soup is the best soup I have ever eaten.

I am now in my final year at the secondary school, and in my attempt to win a place at university, I am under a lot of study pressure. However, being the eldest child and the only daughter in the family I try to help with the household chores. My main responsibility is to wash the dishes and take out the garbage. I also look after the boys, who are quite active and mischievous sometimes, but most of the time they are obedient and hard-working. They love joining my father in mending things around the house at weekends.

We are a very close-knit family and very supportive of one another. We often share our feelings, and whenever problems come up, we discuss them frankly and find solutions quickly. We always feel safe and secure in our family. It is a base from which we can go into the world with confidence.

## VOCABULARY

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|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1. obedient</b> (adj)                                 | /ə'bi:diənt/           | :ngoan ngoan          |
| <b>mischievous</b> (adj)                                 | /'mɪstʃɪvəs/           | : tinh nghịch         |
| <b>2. close-knit</b> (adj)                               | /kləʊs 'nɪt/           | : quan hệ khăng khít  |
| <b>= close relationship</b>                              |                        |                       |
| <b>3. household chore</b> (n)                            | /'haʊshəʊld , tʃɔ:(r)/ | : công việc nhà       |
| <b>4. frankly</b> (adv)                                  | /'fræŋkli/             | : một cách trung thực |
| <b>5. join hands</b> (v) = <b>work together to do st</b> |                        | : chung tay           |
| <b>6. come up</b> (v) = <b>happen=occur</b>              |                        |                       |
| <b>7. A night shift</b> (n)                              |                        | : trực ca đêm         |
| <b>8. pressure</b> (v)                                   | /'preʃə(r)/            | : áp lực              |
| <b>9. give a hand</b> (v)                                |                        | : giúp đỡ             |

**Task 1: Skimming** each paragraph in the reading. Then matching

### Paragraph

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

Paragraph 4

### Main idea

Parents' responsibilities

Feelings about family

My family

Children's duties\_

**TASK 2: Fill in the each gap with one of these words or phrase:**

responsible, caring, willing, under, household chores

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of study pressure
2. My father and two brothers are \_\_\_\_\_ to help with household chores
3. She tries to help her parents with the \_\_\_\_\_
4. My mother is a very \_\_\_\_\_ woman. She always gets up early to prepare breakfast, so we don't have to eat out.
5. The developed countries are \_\_\_\_\_ for green house.

**Task 3: Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).**

1. There are 6 people in the writer's family .S
2. In the writer's family, both parents work together to give their children a nice house and a happy home.
3. His mother is a busy woman
4. The writer has just left school
5. All the members in his family have a good relationship to one another.