

Word of the Month: ANCESTOR

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1. Read these sentences

- a. My mum and dad want to leave England and **emigrate** to Australia because they prefer the climate.
- b. I was born in America but our **ancestors** were from Italy. My surname is Minitti but I can't speak any Italian.
- c. Zara is a **descendent** of the Russian royal family but she isn't a princess and she isn't rich either.
- d. My **great-grandparents** were German, but my grandfather came to live in England in 1965 and my father was born in London. I have never been to Germany.
- e. I don't have any brothers or sisters, but I have five cousins and about twenty **distant cousins**. Sometimes we all meet up but we don't know each other very well.

2. Match the words to the correct definition.

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| a. descendent | 1. the mother and father of your grandparents |
| b. distant cousins | 2. to go and live in a different country |
| c. great-grandparents | 3. People from the past that you share a blood link with |
| d. ancestors | 4. the children born to your cousins or second-cousins |
| e. emigrate | 5. you come from that person or family |

3. Complete the sentences with one of the adjectives from exercise 1.

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- b. I never met my They were very old and died before I was born.
- c. I discovered that my were Vikings.
- d. I want to to New Zealand when I finish university.
- e. I have got so many that I can't remember all their names.

4. Write the correct preposition TO or OF.

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- b. descendent
- c. emigrate
- d. came
- e. born

5. Talk to a partner.

- a. Were your ancestors from Italy or another country?
- b. Would you like to emigrate to another country?

Teacher's Notes

1 & 2. Ask the students to read the sentences and then match the words in bold to their correct definition in exercise 2.

a. 5 b. 4 c. 1 d. 3 e. 2

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Answers will vary.