

Family Expressions Worksheet

Match these family-related phrases to the meanings below:

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| 1 | a close-knit family |
| 2 | a family tree |
| 3 | filial loyalty |
| 4 | it runs in the family |
| 5 | Bob's your uncle! |
| 6 | nuclear family |
| 7 | the cat family |
| 8 | a family man |
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| a | There you go, you have a successful result! |
| b | Lions, tigers, leopards, etc. |
| c | A man who is married with children, and especially one who loves spending his time with them. |
| d | An attitude or principle that you should support and be on the side of your parents. |
| e | Several generations in the same family have shared the same characteristics, attributes or interests. |
| f | A mother, father and children, but not aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, etc. |
| g | A diagram showing several generations of the same family with lines connecting them. |
| h | A family where there are strong emotional bonds between the members, and everybody looks after and supports each other. |

Now ask another student these questions:

- 1 Can you imagine what might be happening if someone says, 'Now you just leave it in at number six for half an hour and Bob's your uncle'?
- 2 How many members of the bear family can you name?
- 3 What do you think are the advantages of being a family man?
- 4 Can you think of anything that you might say out of filial loyalty, but that isn't actually true?
- 5 Does anything interesting run in your family?
- 6 At what age do you think it's appropriate for a child to spend several hours at a time away from his/her nuclear family?
- 7 Has anyone ever researched and drawn your family tree?
- 8 Can you think of any disadvantages of having a very close-knit family?

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Family Expressions Answer Key

Match these family-related phrases to the meanings below:

- 1 h
- 2 g
- 3 d
- 4 e
- 5 a
- 6 f
- 7 b
- 8 c

Now ask another student these questions (suggested answers):

- 1 Someone is probably explaining how to cook something. 'Leave it in at number six' means leave it in the oven, at gas mark 6.
- 2 Common ones include American and Asiatic black bears, (of which there are several types) brown bears (of which there are many types, the most famous being the grizzly bear), the polar bear and the giant panda. The koala is not a bear.
- 3–8 Your own answers.