



Learn English Through Stories

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My Happy Family by K S Sandhu

Hello! My name is Karen. I am ten years old. I live in a nice house with my family.

My father is Ivan. My mother is Anne. Ivan is Anne's husband. Anne is Ivan's wife. They are my parents. I am their daughter. My brother is Jack. Jack is seven years old. He is their son. I am Jack's sister. Jack is my brother. We like to play together. Jack likes football. I like books.

My grandfather is Henry. My grandmother is Diana. Henry is my mother's father. Diana is my mother's mother. They are my grandparents. I am their granddaughter. Jack is their grandson. Grandfather Henry has white hair. Grandmother Diana makes very good cakes. We visit them every Saturday. They give us hugs and tell funny stories.

My uncle is George. He is my mother's brother. My aunts are Amelia and Meena. Amelia is my mother's sister. Meena is my mother's sister too. George, Amelia and Meena are nice. I am their niece. Jack is their nephew.

I have two cousins. Their names are Kavita and Ravi. Kavita is a girl. Ravi is a boy. They are Uncle George's children. Kavita is my cousin. Ravi is my cousin. Kavita likes drawing. Ravi likes cars.

Every Sunday, our big family meets at our house. Grandfather Henry and Grandmother Diana come. Uncle George comes with Aunt Amelia, Aunt Meena, Kavita and Ravi. We eat lunch together. Mother Anne and Aunt Meena make chicken and rice. Grandmother Diana brings cake.

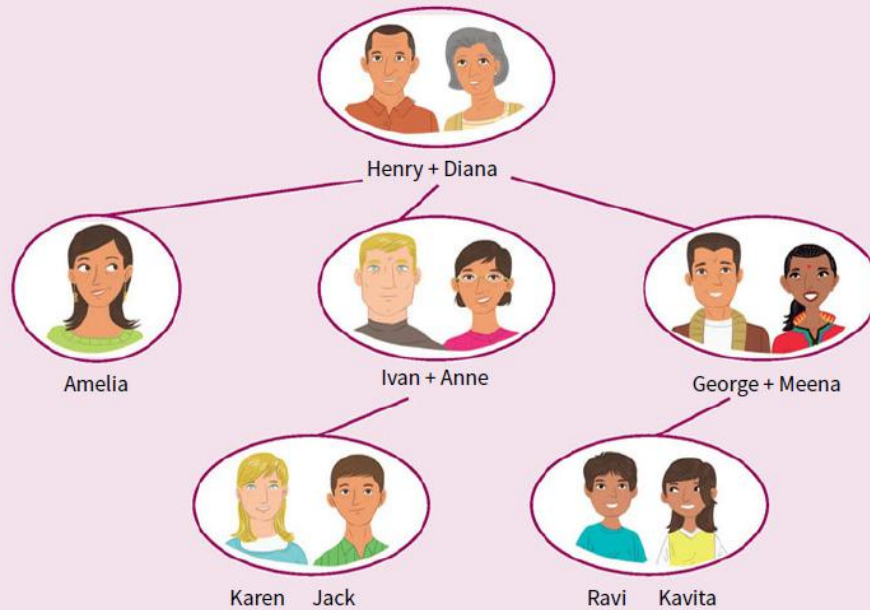
After lunch, the children play in the garden. Jack and Ravi play ball. Kavita and I draw pictures. Sometimes Grandfather Henry plays with us. I love my family. We laugh a lot. We help each other. Family is very important.

Who is in your family? Tell me!

1 The family

A Family words

A family tree for some of Anne and Ivan Sorokin's **relatives** or **relations**.



Ivan and Anne and their **children**

Ivan is Anne's **husband** and Karen and Jack's **father**.

Anne is Ivan's **wife** and Karen and Jack's **mother**.

Anne and Ivan are Karen and Jack's **parents**.

Karen is Anne and Ivan's **daughter**. Jack is their **son**.

Karen is Jack's **sister**. Jack is Karen's **brother**.

Henry and Diana

Henry is Karen and Jack's **grandfather**. Diana is their **grandmother**.

Henry and Diana are Karen and Jack's **grandparents**.

Karen is Henry and Diana's **granddaughter**. Jack is their **grandson**.

Amelia, George and Meena

George is Karen and Jack's **uncle**.

Amelia and Meena are Karen and Jack's **aunts**.

Karen is Amelia, George and Meena's **niece**. Jack is their **nephew**.

Kavita and Ravi are Karen and Jack's **cousins**.

B Expressions

Have you got any brothers and sisters?

No, I am **an only child**.

Do you come from a big family?

Yes, I have three brothers and two sisters.

Common **mistakes**

We say 'my/his wife' (singular) but 'our/their wives' (plural).

Exercises

1.1 Look at the family tree on the opposite page. Complete the sentences.

- 1 Kavita is Ravi's sister
- 2 Ravi is Kavita's
- 3 Anne is Kavita's
- 4 Ivan is Ravi's
- 5 Diana is Ravi's
- 6 Henry is Kavita's
- 7 Ravi is Ivan's
- 8 Kavita is Ivan's
- 9 Meena is Kavita's
- 10 Meena is George's
- 11 Karen is Ravi's

1.2 The Sorokins have some other relatives. Complete the sentences about them.



Meena has a brother, Sanjay. Sanjay is Kavita and Ravi's¹ unde and Sanjay's wife is their² Sanjay and his wife have one son, Prem. Prem is an³ Henry's parents are still alive. Alexander is Henry's⁴ and his⁵ Leila is Henry's⁶ Alexander and Leila have three⁷ -Amelia, Ivan and George. Ivan and George and their⁸ , Anne and Meena, love their⁹ and visit them as often as possible.

1.3 Ask a friend these questions. Then write sentences about your friend and their family. For example, *Marta has one brother but no sisters.*

- 1 Have you got any brothers and sisters?
- 2 Have you got any cousins?
- 3 Have you got any nieces or nephews?
- 4 Have you got any grandparents?
- 5 Do you come from a big family?

1.4 Cover the opposite page. How many family words can you write down in two minutes? Check what you wrote carefully with the book. Did you spell everything correctly? Which words did you forget?

Over to you

Draw your family tree. Then write sentences. Write about your relations. *Marta is my mother.*
Use a dictionary to help you.

Answer key

Unit 1

- 1.1**
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|---------------|-----------|
| 2 brother | 7 nephew |
| 3 aunt | 8 niece |
| 4 uncle | 9 mother |
| 5 grandmother | 10 wife |
| 6 grandfather | 11 cousin |

- 1.2**
- 2 aunt
 - 3 only child
 - 4 father
 - 5 wife
 - 6 mother
 - 7 grandchildren
 - 8 wives
 - 9 grandparents (parents is also a possible answer)

1.3 Possible answers:

- 1 Marta has / has got one brother and one sister.
- 2 Marta has / has got two cousins.
- 3 Marta has / has got two nephews but she hasn't got any nieces.
- 4 Marta has / has got only one grandmother now.
- 5 Marta doesn't come from a very big family.

1.4 Your own answer

Over to you

Possible family tree:

I am José. Ana Maria is my wife. Javier and Isabella are our children. Javier is our son and Isabella is our daughter. Rosa is our niece. Antonio, Pedro and Juan are our nephews. Carla and Luis are my parents. Jorge is my brother and Dolores and Consuela are my sisters.

