

Use photos to talk about yourself and your family

Everyday life

1 Look at the photo and answer the questions.

Where are the people and what are they doing?
Who do you think the people are?

Everyday vocabulary

2 Match each word from list 1-7 to a word from list a-g.

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| 1 aunt | a son |
| 2 brother | b mother |
| 3 daughter | c grandmother |
| 4 father | d grandson |
| 5 granddaughter | e uncle |
| 6 grandfather | f stepmother |
| 7 stepfather | g sister |



3 Add other words for family members that you know to the lists in Exercise 2.

Dialogue

4 01 Listen to the dialogue. Which of her family members does Lily talk about?

Lily is staying with a host family in the UK. They are having their first meal together.

- Lily:** Thanks for showing me the photos. It's great to meet you!
- Sam:** Well, there's not much to tell you really as we are such a small family! There's only Mum and Dad and me. Tell me about your family. (1) _____
- Lily:** Yes, I've got some photos on my phone. There are six of us in my family. These are my two brothers, Nico and Jon. They are older than me. Nico is the oldest and he's at university. He's quite serious and reserved. Jon is really chatty and makes me laugh. (2) _____. We get on really well together.
- Sam:** That's really cool. You're lucky to have two brothers.
- Lily:** And a little sister, too. (3) _____
- Sam:** What is she like?
- Lily:** I think she's a bit spoilt because she's the youngest. But I love her. I look after her when Mum is busy.
- Sam:** (4) _____ I expect she likes playing with you though – her big sister!

Lily: This is my Mum and my stepfather, Mark, in the garden at home. Mum's a photographer and she works for a magazine. Mark's an architect.

Monica: Your house looks lovely. (5) _____

Lily: Yes, it's a small village near the mountains. Here's a photo of me in the winter.

Simon: Wow! You look like a good skier! (6) _____

Lily: I love skiing – it's great fun! Oh, and I love taking photos!

Sam: We can see that! You must take after your mum!

5 Read and complete the dialogue with the phrases (a-f). Then listen again and check.

- She's called Mandy and she's ten.
- Do you live in a village?
- We go to the same school.
- Are you keen on skiing?
- Have you got any siblings?
- She looks really sweet!

6 Read the dialogue again and find examples of the following:

- how to talk about the number of people in your family
- how to introduce a person or people in a photo
- how to ask about someone's personality
- how to look at a photo and guess about someone's personality or ability

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Talking about yourself

Look at the expressions (1-9) from the dialogue. Who says each one: Lily, Sam or Monica? Write L, S or M. What do the underlined expressions mean?

- 1 Tell me about your family. _____
- 2 There are six of us in my family. _____
- 3 We get on really well together. _____
- 4 What is she like? _____
- 5 I look after her when Mum is busy. _____
- 6 This is my Mum and my stepfather. _____
- 7 Your house looks lovely. _____
- 8 I love skiing. _____
- 9 You must take after your mum! _____

Your turn!

7 Work in pairs. You are in a host family. One of you is the guest, and the other is the host. Follow the steps below and role-play a conversation. Then change roles. Use the expressions in the *Everyday English toolkit* and the dialogue in Exercise in 4. If possible, use real photos.

Host:

Ask your guest about their family, occupations and hobbies.

Guest:

Answer the host's questions. Talk about how many people there are in your family, what they do and what they are like. Show some real photos, if possible.

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