



## Family.

**1. Nuclear family** - family group consisting of a pair of adults and their children.

*EX. Most households in the Western world tend to be **nuclear families**.*

**2. Extended family** - larger than the nuclear family - consisting of aunts, uncles, and cousins all living nearby or in the same household.

*EX. If you live with your **extended family** they can help to look after the children.*

**3. Single-parent** - a parent, not living with a spouse or partner, who has most of the day-to-day responsibilities in raising the child or children.

*EX. Some people believe that it is not good for children to grow up in **a single-parent** household.*

**4. Dysfunctional Family** - a family where there is conflict, misbehavior, and often child neglect, resulting in poor emotional and physical health.

*EX. The child comes from a very **dysfunctional family**. The father was violent and is now in prison and the mother has a drugs problem.*

## 2. Marital status and related words.

1. **married (to get/be married)** - married means relating to marriage or to people who are married.

*EX. My parents have been **married** for 14 years*

2. **engaged ( to get/be engaged)** - when two people are engaged, they have agreed to marry each other.

*EX. They **got engaged** on my eighteenth birthday.*

3. **separated** - someone who is separated from their wife or husband lives apart from them, but is not divorced.

*EX. Most single parents are either divorced or **separated**.*

4. **divorced** - someone who is divorced from their former husband or wife has separated from them and is no longer legally married to them.

*EX. He is **divorced** from Roxy's mother, Julia, but they live nearby.*

6. **a widow** is a woman whose spouse has died and who has not married again.

7. **a widower** is a man whose spouse has died and who has not married again.



3. Positive Adjectives to describe a family.

**1. Gentle and loving** - kind, mild and calm.

*EX. My mother is **gentle and loving**. I don't know what I would do without her precious care and love.*

**2. trustworthy (reliable, responsible)**

**3. resourceful.** *Someone who is resourceful is good at finding ways of dealing with problems.*

*My brother is **trustworthy and resourceful**. Besides, he knows what to do in every situation! He is such a wonderful hustler!*

**4. wise.** A wise person is able to use their experience and knowledge in order to make sensible decisions and judgments.

*EX. My grandfather is very **wise** because he gives me very good advice each time, I have a problem. I enjoy my grandmother's wisdom too.*

**4. sincere.** If you say that someone is sincere, you approve of them because they really mean the things they say.

*EX. My mother is really **sincere** with me since we can talk about almost anything.*

**5. mature.** When a child matures, it becomes an adult.

*My sister is very **mature** for her age, yet she doesn't seem to realise this. I am always impressed by her immaturity.*

## 4. Negative Adjectives to describe a family.

**1. restless.** If someone is restless, they keep moving around because they find it difficult to keep still.

**2. selfish.** If you say that someone is selfish, you mean that he or she cares only about himself or herself, and not about other people.

*EX. My little sister is very **restless and a little selfish**. She always wants to have the best things for herself.*

**2. arrogant.** Someone who is arrogant behaves in a proud, unpleasant way towards other people because they believe that they are more important than others.

*EX. My father can sometimes be **arrogant** when he wants his ideas to be adopted by all of us.*

**3. unreasonable.** If you say that someone is being unreasonable, you mean that they are behaving in a way that is not fair or sensible.

*My mother is very **unreasonable** when it comes to household tasks. I mean, whoever wants to do the dishes at 11 o'clock in the evening?*

**4. spoiled.** A spoiled child is a child who has been given everything he wants, which has a bad effect on his character.

*I used to be very **spoiled** when I was a kid. I could literally get anything I wanted. I just had to cry loudly and stomp my feet.*

**5. thoughtless.** If you describe someone as thoughtless, you are critical of them because they forget or ignore other people's wants, needs, or feelings.

**6. cruel.** Someone who is cruel deliberately causes pain or distress to people or animals.

*My uncle can be **thoughtless and cruel** at times when he says something about my performance at school. I don't like his caustic comments.*

**6. bossy.** If you describe someone as bossy, you mean that they enjoy telling people what to do.

*My aunt is at times overbearing and **bossy**, due to her spoiled upbringing.*

**7. irritable.** If you are irritable, you are easily annoyed.

*Such children are expected to be less fussy and, thus, less **irritable** than other children.*

**8. overprotective** - wishing to protect too much.

*Children who have had **overprotective** parents do not build up a strong character to deal with the outside world.*

## 5. Household chores.



**1. cleaning windows**

*EX. I really like doing household chores, but I hate **cleaning windows** because it is a difficult task.*

**2. making the bed**

*EX. **Making the bed** is the first chore I do when I wake up. This sets a productive pace for the day.*

**3. mopping the floor**

*EX. My mother spends her whole day **mopping the floors**. She wants her house to be spotless!*

**4. dusting surfaces**

*EX. I prefer **dusting surfaces** to sweeping.*

**5. ironing the clothes**

*My cousin doesn't like **ironing the clothes**, so his trousers and shirts are always crumpled.*

**6. putting away toys**

*When we were young, my mother often told us that **putting away toys** was good for us because we would always live in a tidy space.*

**7. vacuuming**

*It's important to **vacuum** regularly.*

**8. doing the laundry**

*I am responsible for **doing the laundry** in my family.*

**9. washing the dishes**

*I have to **wash the dishes** and do the shopping.*