



Topic: Family

Level: Beginner

Grammar Focus: Pronouns



Discussion:

A. Look at the picture. What do you see? These words will help you.

people family father mother son daughter table meal holiday hills caravan

B. Read and answer the following questions.

1. How many people in the picture?
2. What are the people doing?
3. What is a caravan used for? How does it move? Have you ever seen one?
4. Is this group a family? What are the clues?



C. General chat about your family.

Do you have brothers and sisters? Are they older or younger than you? Do you live with your family? Do you have any pets? Do you have family holidays? Where do you go?

D. Word Play

1. Pronouns are words which stand in for nouns. Some examples are I, he, she and they.

2. Make up some sentences about yourself with 'I' in them. Here is a start for you:

What music do you enjoy? 'I enjoy'

Which sport do you play? 'I play'

Now use other pronouns:

How old is your brother/sister? 'He/She is'

Where does your family live? 'They live'



Story:

A. Read the following story. Take your time. Pause at the end of each sentence when you reach a full stop.

My Family

Hello. My name is John. I am sixteen years old. I live with my family. I have a father, a mother and one older sister. We have two cats living in our house.

My father is a lawyer. My mother is a school teacher. My sister is a student. She is studying science at the university. Her name is Sandra.

I go to high school. I like science and sport. I play soccer and I row for the school rowing team. I want to be a soccer coach.

Our house is in a town near a city. We go to a lake in the countryside in summer for our holidays. It is our favourite time of the year. My father likes to fish in the lake. My mother likes to paint pictures. My sister likes to read books. I like to row on the lake. In the evening, before it gets dark, we all play a game of soccer. I like to be on the winning side.



B. Testing your general understanding.

The following statements are either true or false. Read each one and decide whether it is 'true' or 'false'.

1. Sandra is younger than John.
2. The family has pet cats.
3. John loves to play soccer and win.
4. The family never have a holiday.
5. John wants to be a school teacher.

C. Grammar Challenge. Singular personal pronouns are I, you, he, she, it. For each one below the present tense of the verb (action word) 'play' has been added.

I play

You play

He plays

She plays

Now add the verb 'like' to each of the pronouns. Watch that ending!



D. Ultimate challenge. Read each question and the four possible answers. Which one do you think is correct?

Q.1 How many people are there in John's family?

- a. Three.
- b. Four.
- c. Five
- d. We are not told.

Q.2 What work does Sandra do?

- a. She goes to high school.
- b. She is a soccer coach.
- c. She is a science student at university.
- d. She is a school teacher.

Q.3 Where does the family live?

- a. In a city.
- b. Near a lake.
- c. In a town near a city.
- d. In the countryside.

Q.4 What do all the family do on holiday?

- a. Play soccer in the evening.
- b. Fish in the lake.
- c. Row on the lake.
- d. Read books.



Exploring other ideas:

- Family relationships – uncle, aunt, cousin, grandparents, niece, nephew.
- Different family celebrations (such as birthdays and weddings).
- Current news report on a special family occasion.