

Answers:

Exercise 1. Listen to the audio and fill in the gaps.

What does family **mean to you**? In a perfect world, all families should be happy and everyone should **get on well** together. I know **a lot of** families that have many problems. Brothers and sisters **who don't like** each other, parents who never talk to each other. I wonder why this is. How can you live **so close to** your family members and feel apart from them? There is a lot of talk **in the news** about the **breakdown** of family life. Divorce is rising everywhere in the world. This means single parents have **less time to** spend with their children, which creates problems. Maybe **the stress of** modern life puts too much pressure on families. It **seems as though** family life was better a generation or two ago. Is this true for families in your country?

Exercise 2. Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

1. Speaker A is talking about her **next-door neighbor**.
2. Speaker B is talking about his **brother**.
3. Speaker C is talking about her **best friend**.
4. Speaker D is talking about his **childhood friend**.
5. Speaker E is talking about her **boyfriend**.

Exercise 3. Choose True or False for these sentences.

1. A – Her next-door neighbour also worked with her mum.
a) True b) **False**
2. A – Her next-door neighbour has a healthier lifestyle now.
a) **True** b) False
3. B – He didn't see his brother after he went to university.
a) True b) **False**
4. B – He supports the same football team as his brother.
a) **True** b) False
5. C – She and her friend argued about a boy.
a) **True** b) False
6. C – She is going to go to the same university as her friend.
a) True b) **False**
7. D – He didn't have much in common with his friend when they were young.
a) True b) **False**

8. D - He still sees his friend regularly

a) True b) False

9. E – She didn't like the look of her boyfriend at first.

a) True b) False

10. E - She thinks their relationship will last for a long time.

a) True b) False

Exercise 4. Choose the correct number to fill the gaps.

1. They have not seen each other for over **fifteen** years.

2. Selina was in London for **two** years.

3. Selina has been back for **five** months.

4. Patrick has been married for **ten** years.

5. Patrick's children are **five and eight** years old.

Exercise 5. Are the sentences true or false?

1. Patrick and Selina have never met each other before.

a) True b) False

2. Selina still lives in London.

a) True b) False

3. Selina didn't like her job in London.

a) True b) False

4. Selina is living with her parents.

a) True b) False

5. Patrick also went to London.

a) True b) False

6. Selina is surprised that Patrick is married.

a) True b) False

7. Patrick has a daughter named Marigold.

a) True b) False

8. Patrick invites Selina to his house. a) True b) False