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# Family Life

## 家庭生活

When we meet someone and develop a relationship with that person we usually want to find out about the person's family. And the subject of family is a frequently discussed topic in all aspects of our lives.

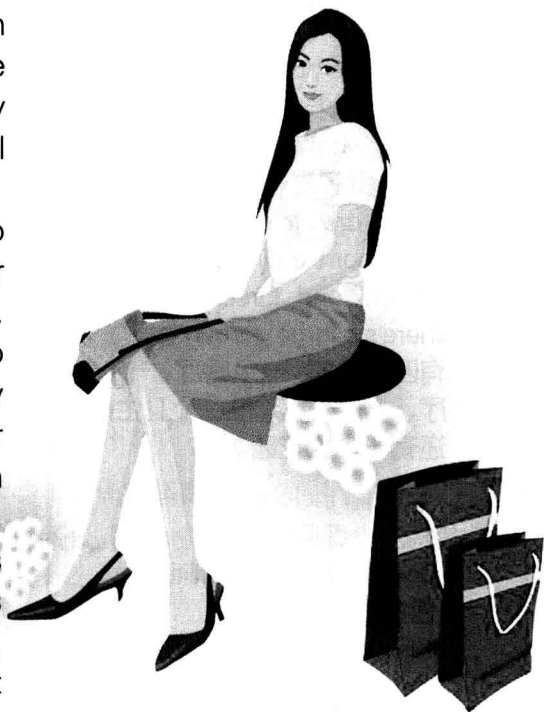
Americans usually have one or two children. Children often move out of their parents' house when they're 18. Also, many children leave home when they go to university. Old people live by themselves, with friends or with other relatives. Some older people live in retirement homes, but not many.

Families have reunions on Christmas or Thanksgiving. Sometimes relatives arrange big reunions. Then, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters meet together. Sometimes they have to come from far away. That's because American family members don't always live near each other.

当人们彼此之间熟悉以后,通常都会希望了解对方家庭的情况。而且,关于家庭的话题也是我们生活中经常会谈论到的话题。

美国人一般有一两个小孩。这些小孩一般都在18岁时就搬出父母的房子,也有很多孩子离家去大学就读。老一辈的都自己住,或者跟朋友,要不然就跟其他亲戚住在一起。有些年纪比较大的人住在老人安养院,但为数不多。

家人们都会在圣诞节或感恩节团圆,有时候亲戚们也会安排全家大团圆的聚会。届时,叔伯、堂表兄弟姐妹、哥哥、姐姐、弟弟、妹妹全都聚在一起,有时候他们还得从老远的地方来,那是因为美国的家人与家人之间并非都住得很近。



# 热身句型

## Warm-up Sentences



1  
句型

What is the house like?

房子是什么样的呢?

A: Mary, what is the house like?

玛丽, 房子是什么样的呢?

B: There are four bedrooms, a living room, a dining room, a big kitchen, and three bathrooms. There's a large garden too.

有四个卧室、一个客厅、一个餐厅、一个大厨房和三个卫生间, 还有一个大花园。

2  
句型

Does that include utilities?

包括水电费吗?

A: Does that include utilities?

包括水电费吗?

B: It includes water but not gas and electricity.

包括水费但煤气费和电费另算。

3  
句型

Your wife looks as busy as a bee.

你夫人真忙。

A: Your wife looks as busy as a bee.

你夫人真忙。

B: Yeah, we are trying to decorate our house.

是的, 我们正在装饰我们的房子。



### 真情提示

房子布局各有特色, 不管什么样的布局, 都能用“What is the house like?”

来问。如果是公寓, 则把“house”用“apartment”替代。此外, 问其他东西是什么样子, 也可以用表示不同事物的那个词替代“house”即可。

“utilities” *n.* 意思是“公用设施”(常用复数形式), “utility”作单数名词, 意思是“效用、有用”。例如, “actual utility”“实际效用”。其动词形式是“utilize”, 意思是“利用、使用”, 强调使用有益的方面。

“as busy as a bee”意为“非常忙碌”, “bee”为“蜜蜂”的意思, 蜜蜂是“忙碌勤劳”的象征。所以“as busy as a bee”就解释为“像蜜蜂一样忙碌”, 形容人非常忙。



## 1. 家人

1. How many people are there in your family? 你家几口人?
2. I have five children. 我有5个孩子。
3. I love my family very much. 我很爱我的家庭。
4. I have a very close family. 我的家庭关系很亲密。
5. If I'm ever in trouble, I know I can count on my family to help me. 如果我有困难的话, 我可以依靠我的家人来帮助我。
6. We're not planning to start a family yet. 我们还不打算成家。
7. Children are the glue that keeps a family together. 孩子是家庭的黏合剂。
8. What are you doing up so late? 你这么晚了还在做什么?
9. I want you to have a walk with me. 我想让你跟我去散散步。
10. Wendy, come downstairs and help me in the kitchen. 温蒂, 下楼来, 到厨房帮帮我。
11. Honey, I'm home. 甜心, 我回来了。
12. Dad, can I have the keys to the car? 爸, 我可以拿车钥匙吗?
13. Henry, stop picking on your little brother. 亨利, 不要去惹你弟弟。
14. John, go and help your father vacuum the living room. 约翰, 去帮你父亲用吸尘器打扫客厅。
15. Bob, come and help me do the laundry. 鲍伯, 来帮我洗衣服。

## 2. 装饰

1. The design of your house is so wonderful. 你房子的装修实在漂亮极了。
2. The atmosphere here is so cozy. 这儿的气氛非常惬意。
3. Who did the designing? 是谁设计的?
4. I love your new three-piece suite. 我喜欢你那新的三件套家具。

5. You've got new curtains too. 你还换上了新窗帘。
6. This sofa is very comfortable. 沙发很舒服。
7. Your living room looks much brighter and tidier than before. 你的起居室看起来比以前更明亮、整洁。
8. I also need to improve the lighting in my living room. 我还需要改进起居室的照明。
9. The music centre is between the armchair and the bookshelf. 音响在扶手椅和书架的中间。
10. I'm thinking about buying some new furniture for my living room. 我在考虑给起居室买些新的家具。
11. I like putting my feet up and watching TV in the evenings after work. 晚上工作完后我喜欢把脚搁高点儿看电视。
12. I like the way you have displayed those ornaments on the shelf over the TV. 我喜欢你电视机上方架子上装饰品摆设的方式。

### 3. 烹 饪

1. First braise the onions. 先炖洋葱。
2. Boil the peas. 煮豌豆。
3. Brown the meat first and then add vegetables. 先把肉煎成褐色,再加青菜。
4. Use a spatula. 用小铲。
5. Is the sauce ready? 调味酱好了没有?
6. Let the soup simmer a while longer. 用温火煮汤煮久一点。
7. Cut the potatoes into cubes. 将马铃薯切块。
8. Wait until the oil is hot. 等到油热。
9. Stir-fried green peppers are delicious. 炒青椒很好吃。
10. Use the cleaver to cut the chicken. 用切肉刀切鸡。

11. Marinate the pork chops before frying them. 炸猪排前先用卤汁浸一下。

12. Did you add the MSG? 你加味精了吗?

13. Cut the fish in half. 把鱼切成两半。

#### 4. 居 所

1. There's not nearly enough room for so many people. 这儿根本不够大,容不下这么多人。

2. I guess they'll have all their furniture in the house tonight. 我想,今天晚上他们该把所有的家具统统搬进屋里去了。

3. They've bought a new house in the suburbs. 他们在郊区买了一栋新房子。

4. It's small, but fully equipped. 房间虽小,但设备齐全。

5. The refrigerator is new, and the stove and the microwave oven are less than a year old. 冰箱是全新的,炉子和微波炉才用了不到一年。

6. I'm looking for an apartment. 我正在找公寓。

7. Did you sign a lease for your apartment? 你租公寓签过约吗?

8. There will be a waiting period of five to eight months for a two-room apartment. 两居室的房子要等5至8个月才有。

9. Please fill out this application form and pay a \$20 dollars fee as well as a deposit of \$150. 请填写一下这份申请表,交20美元手续费和150美元定金。

10. You have a beautiful home. 你这个家多漂亮啊!

11. Where is the bathroom? 卫生间在哪里?

12. The table looks beautiful. 那桌子挺漂亮的。

13. I love what you have done with the living room. 我喜欢你起居室的布置。

14. You have a wonderful place. 你这房子太好了!



## 1. Family 家人

### Dialog 1

A: How many people are there in your family?

B: Three, my parents and I.

A: What type of family do you like?

B: I like a small family, composed of parents and one child. In America, people call it a nuclear family.

A: Do you get on well with your family?

B: Yes, quite well.

A: How do you often spend weekends with your family?

B: We often go out or shopping.

A: Do your parents care about you?

B: Of course. They often talk to me like my friends.

A: Do your parents live with you?

B: No, they have their own house.

### 对话 1

A: 你家有几口人?

B: 三个, 父母和我。

A: 你喜欢什么类型的家庭?

B: 我喜欢由双亲及一个孩子组成的小家庭。在美国, 人们称之为核心家庭。

A: 你与家人相处得好吗?

B: 是的, 我们很和睦。

A: 你通常是怎样与家人度周末的?

B: 我们常去郊游或购物。

A: 你父母关心你吗?

B: 当然, 他们经常像朋友一样和我聊天。

A: 他们跟你住在一起吗?

B: 不, 他们有自己的房子。

### Dialog 2

A: How many people are there in your family?

B: As you know, China has a single-child policy. Therefore, there's just my husband, my daughter and I. What about in your family?

A: I have one daughter and one son. Then there's my husband and I. What about your parents? Do they live with your family?

### 对话 2

A: 你家几口人?

B: 你知道, 中国实行计划生育政策, 所以家里只有我、丈夫和女儿。你家里呢?

A: 女儿、儿子、我和丈夫。你父母呢? 他们和你们住在一起吗?



B: Not anymore. They live with my brother now. And yours?

A: My parents live by themselves now. When they get older, they'll probably go to a retirement home. Do you just have one brother?

B: No, I have two elder brothers and one younger sister. What about you?

A: I also grew up in a big family. I have one elder brother and two younger sisters.

B: How long have you been married?

A: About 5 years now. And you?

B: I've been married for about 5 years. What do you think about divorce?

A: It's becoming more and more common. However, I don't want to get a divorce. What about you?

B: If my husband cheats me, I may get divorced.

A: If that happens, maybe you could marry my brother and we could become in-laws!

B: I'll keep that in mind, but don't tell my husband!

A: Of course not!

### Dialog 3

A: Dad, can I go outside to play?

B: Well, did you get your Saturday's work done?

A: Ah, Dad, do I have to?

B: Well, you know the rules. No playing until the work is done.

B: 现在不了。他们和我哥哥住在一起。你父母呢?

A: 现在他们单独住。等他们年纪再大些,他们可能就去养老院了。你只有一个哥哥吗?

B: 不,我有两个哥哥,一个妹妹。你呢?

A: 我也是在大家庭里长大的,有一个哥哥和两个妹妹。

B: 你们结婚多久了?

A: 到现在5年了。你呢?

B: 我结婚大约5年了。你怎么看待离婚?

A: 现在越来越普遍了。不过我自己可不想离婚。你呢?

B: 如果我丈夫欺骗了我,我可能会离婚。

A: 如果那样的话,也许你可以和我哥哥结婚,我们就成姻亲了!

B: 我会记住的,不过可不要告诉我丈夫!

A: 当然不会!

### 对话 3

A: 爸爸,我可以出去玩吗?

B: 你星期六的活儿做完了吗?

A: 我必须做吗,爸爸?

B: 你知道规矩的。活儿做完了才能去玩。

A: So, what is my work?

B: Well, first you have to clean the bathroom including the toilet. And don't forget to scrub the bathtub.

A: No, I just want to clean the family room.

B: Well, okay, but you have to vacuum the family room and the hall, and be sure to dust off everything. Oh, and don't forget to wipe the walls and clean the baseboards. And after that, next, sweep and mop the kitchen floor.

A: Okay.

B: And make your bed and pick up all your books and put them away. And...

A: More?

B: Yeah. And then, how about going out for lunch and getting a big cake? You probably don't want to.

A: No, No. I want to.

#### Dialog 4

A: Who is Rose's husband?

B: Rose's husband is John.

A: How many children do Rose and John have?

B: They have two children — one son and one daughter — as well as one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law.

A: Do they have any grandchildren?

B: Yes, they have three grandchildren — one girl and two boys.

A: Does their daughter get along well with

A: 那我该做些什么呢?

B: 首先把浴室包括卫生间打扫干净。别忘了把浴缸洗干净。

A: 不, 我只想打扫房间。

B: 那好, 但你得把房子和客厅都吸尘。确保一切都没灰尘。噢, 别忘了擦墙和打扫护壁板。之后再把厨房的地板拖干净。

A: 好吧。

B: 铺好你的床, 把你的书及一切东西都收拾好, 还有……

A: 还有?

B: 是的。然后, 我们出去吃午饭怎么样, 再来一个大蛋糕? 不过你可能不太愿意去。

A: 不, 不。我想去。

#### 对话 4

A: 谁是罗丝的丈夫?

B: 约翰。

A: 罗丝和约翰有几个孩子?

B: 他们有两个孩子, 一个儿子和一个女儿, 这样也就有一个儿媳和一个女婿。

A: 他们有孙子吗?

B: 有。一个孙女, 两个孙子。

A: 他们的女儿和婆家人相处得好吗?



her in-laws?

B: Yes, she gets along with them quite well.

A: Do they also have a large family?

B: Their family is very similar to Rose and John's family.

B: 相处得很好。

A: 他们也有个大家庭吗?

B: 他们的家庭和罗丝与约翰的家庭很相似。

## 超级链接



我们生活在爱的世界里,我们无时无刻不在感受到爱。我们以为爱我们可以承受(bear)我们的任性(selfishness)、骄傲(pretentiousness)、无理(unreasonableness),以为他们既然爱我们就理应如此。可是,你可曾想过为什么我们可以对一个陌生人彬彬有礼,却要让爱我们的人受伤(feel hurt)呢?

不小心撞到了一位路人,“对不起,请原谅,”我说。“请原谅我,”他说,“我没有注意到您(watching for you)。”我们两个陌生人都很礼貌(polite)。我们相互道别,继续各自的旅程。但是,当我们回到家中,对待我们的家人的时候,情况却不太相同。

如果我们明天死去,我们工作的公司会很容易地找到其他的人来替代(replace)我们。但是我们的家人会永远感受失去我们的痛苦(pain)。好好想想吧,我们把太多的精力投入到了工作中,而忽视了家庭,这是一个多么不明智(not wise)的投资(investment)啊!

