

Unit

1 “Where are you from?”

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

A Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

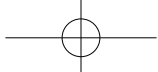
1. Nick's mother is from _____.
A. Florida B. California C. Mexico
2. Nick's father is from _____.
A. Mexico B. Spain C. California
3. Nick's uncle has _____ children.
A. two B. three C. four
4. Nick's aunt _____ children.
A. has two B. has four C. doesn't have any
5. The parents of Nick's mother live in _____.
A. Seattle B. Florida C. Mexico

B Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

6. When will Fred get married?
A. In March. B. In June. C. In November.
7. Where do Fred and Jenny want to have the wedding?
A. At a hotel. B. At Fred's parents' house. C. At the beach.
8. Where do Fred and Jenny want to go for their honeymoon?
A. Rome or Paris. B. Hawaii. C. Tokyo.

C Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

9. Where is Henry from?
A. France. B. Italy. C. Spain.
10. What is Henry looking for?
A. The airport. B. The zoo. C. The museum.



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Section B

➡ Listen to the following sentences and write down what you hear on the lines.

1. I lost my _____, so I don't know where the party is.
2. We are having an outdoor _____. We hope it doesn't rain.
3. After getting married, couples usually go on a _____.
4. People usually buy a diamond ring when they get _____.
5. I would like to offer my _____ on your wedding day.

Part II Vocabulary and Structure

Section A

➡ Fill in the blanks with the words or expression from the boxes.

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aunt

single

frame

celebrate

romantic

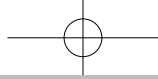
album

tradition

length

known as

1. They've just finished their exams and have gone out to _____.
2. It is a(n) _____ in the family for the eldest sons to become a doctor.
3. The average _____ of stay in hospital is three days.
4. Thanks for the roses! You are so _____.
5. That's a beautiful photo. You should _____ it.
6. These are my uncle's children. They are my _____.
7. Steve doesn't get married. He is _____.
8. This is my father's sister. She is my _____.
9. She became _____ both a teacher and researcher.
10. Together we looked through her father's wedding _____.



Section B

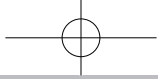
➡ Match the words to the definitions.

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| 1. congratulations | A. a marriage ceremony |
| 2. honeymoon | B. a request for someone to go somewhere |
| 3. engaged | C. as a formal agreement to get married |
| 4. invitation | D. words saying you are happy for something good |
| 5. wedding | E. a vacation for a newlywed couple |

Section C

➡ Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

1. Is that aunt _____ cat?
A. Vanessas B. Vanessas' C. Vanessa's
2. This is my _____ bicycle.
A. friends B. friend's C. friend
3. Bryan and _____ wedding is in June.
A. Rachels' B. Rachels C. Rachel's
4. The _____ names are Helen and Julia.
A. girls' B. girl's C. girls
5. The _____ toilet is over there.
A. mens B. men's C. mens
6. Is that uncle _____ dog?
A. Terry's B. Terrys C. Terrys'
7. This is my _____ desk.
A. teachers B. teacher's C. teacher
8. Sarah's and _____ birthdays are both in May.
A. Janes B. Jane's C. Janes'
9. The _____ names are Peter and David.
A. boys B. boy's C. boys'
10. That's _____ dictionary.
A. Louis' B. of Louis's C. Louis



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Section D

- ➡ Complete the passage, using appropriate words.

Every year millions of people get 1. _____ (married / invitation) and then go on their 2. _____ (engaged / honeymoons). A honeymoon is a short 3. _____ (ceremony / vacation) people take after their wedding. People like to go to places that are very 4. _____ (romantic / single). The word "honeymoon" probably comes from an old English 5. _____ (cousins / tradition), in which brides drank a honey-flavored drink for a month.

Part III Reading Comprehension

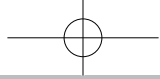
Task 1

- ➡ Read the passage. Write T (True) or F (False) for the statements.

As we know, English family names are passed down from one generation to the next. However, they were not widely used until after the Norman Conquest of 1066. Prior to that time, most people thought it unnecessary to use family names. Instead, they preferred a single name.

As the country's population increased, however, people began to make use of such descriptions as "John, the Baker" or "Thomas, son of Richard" to tell the difference between men or women of the same name. Finally, such descriptive names became connected with a family, inherited or passed down, from one generation to the next. This is the origin of many current surnames.

But do you know how English people got their family names? Some family names come from the places of their homes. For example, a man living on or near a hill, his family name may become Hill. Some family names come from a person's job. If a person was a cook, his family name may become Cook. Besides, many people got their family names from their father's names. For example, the name "Jackson" may refer to the son of Jack.



- ☐ 1. Before 1066, in England, family names were widely used.
- ☐ 2. People began using such names as "John, the Baker" or "Thomas, son of Richard" after the country's population grew.
- ☐ 3. English people began to use descriptive names because they wanted to tell the difference between men or women of the same name.
- ☐ 4. These descriptive names have nothing to do with current surnames.
- ☐ 5. All family names come from one's father's names.

Task 2

➡ Read the passage. Fill in the blanks with no more than three words.

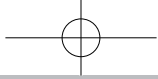
You know all of Santa's reindeer, I guess. Now, let's meet Holly and her two kids. They belong to the Brueck family, and they are fun family pets.

"We got Holly eight years ago when she was one month old," says Josh Brueck, a park ranger (公园管理员) in St. Joseph County. "After a period of time, we were lucky enough to have her two kids, Snowflake and Blizzard."

The Brueck family's reindeer earn their keep (挣生活费) by entertaining children of all ages in the six weeks leading up to Christmas. As a matter of fact, the reindeer have 12 shows booked this year. One of the typical and interesting events during the shows is to play reindeer games. "Holly and her kids are smart, and they have an amazing sense of smell. So they know whether you have a cookie in your pocket, or a candy cane from Santa. Holly is pretty slick at snatching candy canes from unwary kids," says Josh.

Judging by the smile on Josh's face as he pets Holly, we can see that the reindeer make every day of the year like Christmas.

- 1. What's the relationship between Holly and Snowflake?
They are _____ and _____.
- 2. How do the Brueck family's reindeer earn their keep?
They earn their keep by _____ children when Christmas is coming.
- 3. How many shows have the Brueck family's reindeer been booked this year?
_____ shows have been booked.
- 4. What is a typical and interesting event at the show?
It is to _____.
- 5. Do the Brueck family like Holly and her kids?
Yes, they do. Holly and her kids are fun _____.



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Task 3

➡ Read the passage. Choose the best answer to each question.

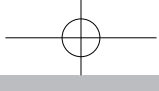
The nuclear family (核心家庭) is a characteristic of American families.

A nuclear family refers to a family group. It consists only of a husband, a wife and children. It is rare that parents live together with their children who have got married. Relatives, such as grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and in-laws, usually live separately. This family structure is the so-called "nuclear family".


A nuclear family is contrasted with an extended family or a joint family (大家庭), in which there could be many generations living together.

Compared with a joint family, a nuclear family has some advantages. The first point is privacy and freedom of lifestyle. In a nuclear family, people can live their own ways and can do whatever they want to do. The second point is about money. There are less people and thus less expenses. Of course, this is one of the strongest points.

1. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - A. In a nuclear family, there is only a couple.
 - B. In a nuclear family, there is only one kid.
 - C. In a nuclear family, there are parents and their kids.
2. A nuclear family is contrasted with _____.
 - A. a small family
 - B. a whole family
 - C. an extended family or a joint family
3. What advantages does a nuclear family have according to the passage?
 - A. Privacy and freedom of lifestyle.
 - B. Less expenses.
 - C. A&B.
4. How does an extended family or a joint family live?
 - A. Many generations live together.
 - B. Relatives live separately.
 - C. There are parents and one kid.



Part IV Note Quiz

 Answer the following questions according to the notes in this unit.

1. 你能说出中英文中亲属称谓的差异吗？你是如何看待这些差异的？

2. “娘家姓”如何用英语表达？

3. 英语口语中常见的 the rest is history 是什么意思？应如何使用？

Part V Speak Now

 Work in pairs. Find one of your family photos and describe it to your partner.

Useful Language

- *This is my family photo.*
- *There are... people in my family. They are...*
- *My father is an engineer / a teacher / a programmer...*