

Unit 2 Love makes a family

WARM UP

Group 1:

- 1 I like their care, wisdom, humor, endurance, etc.
- 2 I feel grateful to my parents for bringing me up, helping me overcome challenges in life, etc.
- 3 Routinely, my parents take care of me in many ways, for example, preparing meals, doing the laundry, tidying up rooms, etc.
- 4 My parents expect me to be healthy, happy and independent.
- 5 My parents express their love for me through what they do, but not through what they say.

Group 2:

- 1 My parents are proud of me in many ways. For example, I'm a high achiever at school; I'm helpful at school and at home; I'm good at taking care of myself.
- 2 I can greatly delight my parents by doing them small favors, for example, helping them with the housework, preparing a simple breakfast for them, and preparing a gift on Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- 3 We play games, watch movies, talk about books we have read, etc.
- 4 I wish my parents gave me more freedom to make decisions for myself. I wish my parents allowed me to have different values and judgments from theirs. I wish my parents spent more time enjoying their own life.
- 5 I tell my parents I care for them at any moment. I also express my love by helping them with housework or by preparing a thank-you card for them on special occasions.

PRONUNCIATION

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Answers

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- 1 It allows them to use their phone cameras to identify family and friends.
- 2 I'm really annoyed withing her.
- 3 She just wants to make sure you can take good care of yourself.
- 4 Somehow, we managed to work through those issues.

5 Do you feel embarrassed when your parents try to use slang, or when they call you by your childhood nickname in front of your friends?

LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND

NEWS REPORT 1

Script

Social media users in France posting photos of their kids could face fines or jail time. The French national police force is urging parents to be more careful when posting pictures of their kids on social media and sharing them with the general public.

Parents could end up facing jail time, a heavy fine, or even being brought to court by their children in the future, if they are found to have broken the country's privacy laws.

The national police force posted the statement in response to the "motherhood challenge", a popular trend on social media recently. Mothers posted three photos of themselves and their kids, and then tagged other moms they know to do the same. In the statement, the national police force writes that while people can be the proud mom or dad of beautiful kids, posting pictures on social media is not without danger.

Answers

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NEWS REPORT 2

Script

Emma Yang, a 14-year-old student, is committed to improving the lives of individuals with Alzheimer's.

Observing the challenges that her grandmother with Alzheimer's faces, Emma was inspired to create a mobile phone app. According to Emma, the app serves many purposes to help a person with Alzheimer's lead a better life.

It helps these individuals keep track of their schedules and days. In addition, it allows them to use their phone cameras to identify family and friends. Their loved ones can also upload photos to the Alzheimer's patient's phone so that they're on file and available to jog their memories.

Emma's work on the app is still in progress. She is now raising funds to finish the development of the app, so that she can start to pilot the app on patients and their families.

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NEWS REPORT 3

Script

The cost of raising a child in the U.K. is rising steadily. Parents can expect to spend around £232,000 on raising a child from birth to the age of 21, according to a report by an insurance company. The early childhood period between one and four is the most expensive, followed by university years.

The spokesperson of the company said this is quite worrying for both future and current parents. "The figures keep increasing and it is unlikely for people's income to go up at the same rate," he said. More than half of the total cost, about £145,000, goes to childcare and education. On top of that, it costs about £19,000 to feed a child, £11,000 to clothe a child, and £33,650 to keep them amused with holidays, toys, hobbies, and interests. "Parents need to plan their family finances more than ever," said the spokesperson.

Answers

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LISTEN TO COMMUNICATE

CONVERSATION 1

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Host: Today with us is Professor Chen Hong, who is an expert on family relationships. Welcome, Prof. Chen.

Prof. CH: Thank you for having me, Ken.

Host: I know you have been researching sibling relationships. This is a topic many of our listeners are interested in. So, can I ask you some questions, Prof. Chen?

Prof. CH: Sure.

Host: What is usually the first issue between siblings? Is it the older child's jealousy of their younger sibling?

Prof. CH: Well, it is common, but not always the case. Actually, many kids feel excited about having a new baby in the family. Problems often arise when kids find that the baby takes so much of the parents' time and attention.

Host: I see. Is there anything parents can do to solve the problem?

Prof. CH: It is useful to help the older child realize that this is a new person in the family to love, and someone who will love them in return.

Host: A very useful suggestion! Many people say that a positive sibling relationship offers many advantages. But does a person need to have siblings to develop well?

Prof. CH: This is a very good question. The answer is no, not necessarily. My research shows that having brothers or sisters provides opportunities for children to develop

social and emotional skills. But only children can learn these skills from their friends, too.

Host: It is good to know. My next question is ... (fade out)

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Answers

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Answers

1 issue 2 in return 3 advantages 4 opportunities

CONVERSATION 2

Script

Peter: Paul, could I talk with you now?

Paul: Of course, Peter. You look so unhappy. What's the trouble?

Peter: It's about my mom. She is ruining my college life, if I may say so.

Paul: You don't mean that, do you? Your mom cares about you so much.

Peter: Too much! She calls me 100 times a day and every day, asking about everything in my life. "Did you have breakfast?" "Did you go to the fitness room?" "What classes did you have?"... Oh! I'm really annoyed with her.

Paul: She just wants to make sure you can take good care of yourself.

Peter: But there's something worse. Yesterday, when she called, I mentioned that my roommate played music too loud. Can you guess what she did?

Paul: What?

Peter: She called the Office of Students' Affairs. It's so embarrassing.

Paul: Take it easy, Peter. Many freshers have the same problem as you. Your parents love you so much and they are just worried about you.

Peter: But I don't want it! I'm an adult.

Paul: Then why not tell her your feelings directly? Tell her that you want to take care of yourself and you can.

Peter: I have, but she just won't listen to me.

Paul: No, not until you act more independently. For example, when you have a problem, try to solve it yourself rather than bring it up to her.

Peter: I'll try. Thank you for listening to me, Paul.

Paul: My pleasure.

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Answers

1 He felt unhappy.

2 Because he felt his mother was ruining his college life.

3 Yes. Many freshers have the same problem as Peter.

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Answers

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ACT-OUT

Reference answers

- 1) That's amazing / fantastic
- 2) You should be proud of yourself
- 3) You deserve the award
- 4) what a shame
- 5) I wish I had worked harder
- 6) if only I had prepared better
- 7) I didn't live up to your expectations

LISTEN TO SHARE

PASSAGE 1

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Reference answers

1 Aspects my parents and I may differ: habits, hobbies, lifestyles, personalities, etc.

2 I would avoid fierce confrontation with my parents. I would think about what the differences are and what contributes to the differences. I would have a good talk with them. If I'm sure about my position, I would stick to it even though my parents are against it.

Script

I lived in Dallas, Texas, nearly all my life with my mom, dad, and elder sister. We were raised to respect others, value education, and get all that we could out of life.

I always knew that going to college was expected of me. But at 16, I fell in love with a nice guy and decided I'd rather get married than go to college. Even so, my parents

never stopped telling me that they loved me and that I could do anything I wanted to do. Thankfully, they talked some sense into me. I graduated from high school and am currently attending the University of Oklahoma.

Every time I call home to tell them about one of my grades or what class I'm working hardest on at the moment, they tell me how proud of me they are. I know there are college kids out there who have no one to call at home and I feel blessed to have my parents.

Don't get me wrong. We've had our share of problems. I was the angry teenager and they were the awful parents who wouldn't let me stay out all night ... but somehow, we managed to work through those issues. They never stopped loving me or believing in me.

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Answers

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Answers

1 value education 2 sense 3 share 4 teenager; stay out

PASSAGE 2

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Reference answers

1 Father's Day is celebrated by making it most enjoyable for fathers. Common activities include wishing him a happy Father's Day, preparing a gift, or planning for a party.

2 Yes, I celebrate Father's Day every year because I feel grateful to my father for what he does for me and the family. I think it is important to let my father know my care for and thanks to him.

Script

Father's Day is a holiday celebrated in many parts of the world. The holiday honors fathers, fatherhood, and figures like grandfathers, stepfathers, and uncles. It is observed on the third Sunday in June.

In the early 20th century, there was a mining accident in West Virginia. The accident killed almost 400 men, who were mostly husbands and fathers. As early as 1908, people began to set aside a day in memory of the men killed, which is the origin of the celebration of Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972 that Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday. This is in part due to the fact that people didn't want

to have another holiday which was invented to just make them spend money.

Like Mother's Day, it indeed is a holiday that has become highly commercialized. There are greeting cards to mark the day and stores to market gifts for Dad. These gifts commonly include electronics, ties, and shirts. Like other holidays, Father's Day is also celebrated with meals, especially barbecues since the holiday falls at the beginning of the summer.

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DISCUSSION

Reference answers

1 No matter who we are and how old we are, our parents love us and are proud of us all the same. We can always cling to our parents' care for us.

2 Love is the most important thing parents can give to their children. It is the basic quality yet to be cultivated in their children, including confidence, responsibility, courage, devotion, etc.

3 Parents' love for children is unconditional and parents do not expect any reward for what they do. Selfless devotion is the most touching part of parental love.

TALK ABOUT CHINA

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Reference answers

1 In the past, people expressed filial piety by obeying their parents, by looking after them, and by being successful. Now people find new ways to be nice to their parents. For example, they visit their parents during festivals, make regular calls to them, and travel with them.

2 Many factors have contributed to the change. For example, many parents and their adult children do not live together; parents encourage their children to be themselves and make their own decisions. In addition, advances in technology and transportation have facilitated greater mobility and communication, allowing families to stay connected even over long distances.

VIEW THE WORLD

Script

Interviewee 1: Hi, nice to meet you.

Interviewer: Nice to meet you as well.

Interviewer: Let me tell you a little bit about the job. To get started with, it's not just a job. It's sort of, probably, the most important job. Responsibilities and requirements are really quite extensive. This job requires that you must be able to work standing up most or really all of the time, constantly on your feet, constantly bending over, ...

Interviewee 2: OK.

Interviewee 3: That's a lot.

Interviewee 4: For how many, like, for how many hours?

Interviewer: 135 hours to unlimited hours a week. It's basically 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Interviewee 5: I'm sure you will have a chance from time to time to maybe just sit down here and there, yeah?

Interviewer: You mean like a break?

Interviewee 5: Yeah.

Interviewer: No, there are no breaks available.

Interviewee 1: Is that, is that even legal?

Interviewer: Oh, yeah. Of course, yeah.

Interviewee 1: OK. So like, no lunch?

Interviewer: You can have lunch, but only when the associate is done eating their lunch.

Interviewee 6: No, that's crazy.

Interviewer: The associate needs constant attention. Sometimes they have to stay up with an associate throughout the night. No vacations. In fact, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and holidays, the workload is gonna go up.

Interviewee 7: That's almost cruel!

Interviewee 5: But when there is time to sleep, or ...

Interviewer: Oh, no time to sleep.

Interviewee 6: 365 days a year?

Interviewer: Yes. Also, let's cover the salary. The position is gonna pay absolutely nothing.

Interviewee 5: Excuse me?

Interviewee 6: No! Nobody will do that for free!

Interviewer: Yeah, completely for free.

Interviewee 6: No.

Interviewer: What if I told you that there is someone that actually, currently holds this position right now? Billions of people actually.

Interviewee 4: Who?

Interviewer: Moms.

Interviewee 4: Yeah.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Interviewer: Moms.

Interviewee 8: That's awesome.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Interviewee 2: Oh my god, moms are the best.

Interviewee 4: Yes, no pay, they are 24 hours, they are always there.

Interviewee 7: Thank you so much for everything you do. I know it doesn't seem like I appreciate all of it but I definitely do.

Interviewee 6: My mom is just awesome. She is awesome.

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Reference answers

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- No, I wouldn't. Being a mother is energy-consuming and mothers often have a lot of responsibilities. I'm not confident enough that I can be a good mother since mothers are always multitasking.
- Yes, I would. Being a mother is tiring, but it is rewarding too, especially when you see your child growing up.

2 My mother is as devoted to the family and children as depicted in the video clip. However, my mother has her own career and she balances well between her career and our family. My father and I are very supportive.

3 I agree with the statement to some degree. Mothers around the world love their children unconditionally. However, mothers in different cultures may express their love in different ways.

FURTHER LISTENING

NEWS REPORT

Talk about growing up on camera. In one 18-year-old's case, it started before she was even born.

British dad, Munish Bansal, began a great project. The first time he saw the ultrasound images of his daughter, he took photos of them to keep a record. That turned into Dad taking pictures of his baby, toddler, big girl ... Now he has taken a photo of her every single day of her life.

The 41-year-old father said by doing this he wanted to track how his daughter grew and changed.

“I decided to do this when my wife was pregnant. I just wanted to keep a record of all the changes, day to day. It is easy to see the big changes month by month but I wanted to record how they happened, little by little, day by day,” said Bansal.

After taking more than 6,500 photos, he turned them into a huge portrait of his daughter and sent it to her as her 18th birthday gift.

Answers

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CONVERSATION

Mom: Wake up, dear!

Son: Mom, I’m feeling terrible. I don’t want to get up. Can I please stay in bed a bit longer?

Mom: Of course not. It’s not my fault that you were up all night last night.

Son: But, Mom, it’s my spring break!

Mom: But it doesn’t mean you can stay in bed all day.

Son: OK. I’ll get up, but I don’t want to take a shower.

Mom: Seriously?

Son: Yeah! Why do I need to take a shower?! I will be at home all day long.

Mom: OK, then, you’ll have to clean your room and the garage.

Son: No problem!

Mom: Actually, I also need you to mow the lawn. It’s high time ...

Son: What?! No way! I won’t do that. My sister should do it.

Mom: You have to do it. Your sister would always do it while you were not at home.

Son: But I’ve been at home for only one week.

Mom: Exactly, but look at your room. It’s in such a mess. Your room used to be so clean and tidy. I can’t imagine what your room is like at college.

Son: But, Mom, there are so many more exciting things in life. You know that.

Mom: Of course, I know, but if you kept your room clean and tidy, you wouldn’t have had to do it now, would you?

Son: But I’ve got no time.

Mom: Then, don’t waste time complaining to me!

Answers

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PASSAGE

Do you feel embarrassed when your parents try to use slang, or when they call you by your childhood nickname in front of your friends? Loving them dearly doesn’t prevent you from feeling uncomfortable about having them around.

And parents have to accept that. As writer Adam Gopnik said, “The one thing that everybody experiences is that exactly at the age of 13, your child will discover that you are now the most embarrassing, ridiculous, and annoying person on the planet.”

According to an online survey, one in three children refuse to be seen with their parents in public; and seven in ten children hate such behaviors from their mom or dad as kissing them in front of friends and holding their hand.

When we grow up from a child to a young adult, we suddenly feel we are wise and independent. We are ashamed when treated like small kids. But for most of us, such feelings disappear when we reach our 20s.

Mark Twain once commented, “When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant ... But when I got to be 21, I was amazed at how much he had learned in seven years.”

In any case, unhappy parents might feel better if they know that their grandchildren are likely to enjoy staying with them. Then the uncool ones will be the grandchildren’s parents!

Answers

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