



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 father is from _____.
A. Mexico B. Spain C. California
2. Nick's mother is from _____.
A. Florida B. California C. Mexico
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. What is Henry looking for?
A. The airport. B. The zoo. C. The museum.
10. Where is Henry from?
A. France. B. Italy. C. Spain.

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(n) _____.
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.

cousins 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 a family for the eldest son to become a doctor.
3. We measured the _____ and width of the living room.
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 has been _____ for so long now. I don't think he'll ever marry.
8. This is my father's sister. She is my _____.
9. She became _____ both a teacher and a researcher.
10. Together we looked through her parents' wedding _____.

Section B

➡ Match the words to the definitions.

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| 1. congratulations | A. a marriage ceremony |
| 2. honeymoon | B. a woman at the time she gets married or just after she is married. |
| 3. album | C. a book that you put photographs, stamps etc in |
| 4. bride | D. words saying you are happy that someone has achieved something |
| 5. wedding | E. a vacation for a newlywed couple |

Section C

➡ Choose the best answer to complete each sentence below.

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

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), which 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. _____ (heritage / 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, if a man lives 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 fathers' names. For example, the name "Jackson" may refer to the son of Jack.

- ☐ 1. Before 1066, English family names were widely used.
- ☐ 2. Prior to the Norman Conquest, most English people preferred to use a single name.
- ☐ 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. Half of the family names come from one's father's name.

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 skilled at snatching candy canes from 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. Do the Brueck family like Holly and her kids?
Yes, they do. Holly and her kids are fun _____.
2. When did the Brueck family get Holly?
_____ ago when Holly was _____ old.
3. How do the Brueck family's reindeer earn their keep?
They earn their keep by _____ children when Christmas is coming.
4. How many shows have the Brueck family's reindeer been booked this year?
_____ shows have been booked.
5. What is one of the typical and interesting events at the show?
It is to _____.

Task 3

🔁 Read the passage. Choose the best answer to each question below.


A nuclear family (核心家庭) refers to a type of 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 (数代同堂的大家庭), 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 do whatever they want to do. The second point is about money. There are fewer people and thus lower expenses. Of course, this is one of the strongest points.

1. What is the characteristic of the families mentioned in this article?
A. They usually live with extended families.
B. They often live in nuclear families.
C. They prefer joint family structures.
2. 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 only parents and their unmarried kids.
3. A nuclear family is contrasted with _____.
A. a small family
B. a whole family
C. an extended family or a joint family
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.
5. What advantages does a nuclear family have according to the passage?
A. Privacy and freedom of lifestyle. B. Lower expenses. C. A&B.

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?

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...*