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##  What is family?

 A family has different definitions, here are some;

 family can refer to your blood relatives, but also to a group of people you are close and intimate towards. A family is also seen as a group of people who are related to each other, [especially](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/especially) parents and their children.

 A family is a specific group of people that may be made up of partners, children, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children

Here Are 7 Different Family Types and Their Unique Family Dynamics**:**

1. Nuclear Family

Nuclear families, also known as [elementary](https://www.britannica.com/topic/nuclear-family) or traditional families, consist of two parents (usually married or common law) and their children. Nuclear families may have one or more children who are biological or adopted, but the main idea is that the parents are raising their kids together in the family home.

1. Single Parent

Single parent families consist of one parent with one or more kids. In these cases, [the parent](http://www.encyclopedia.com/social-sciences-and-law/sociology-and-social-reform/sociology-general-terms-and-concepts/single) either never married, is widowed, or divorced. gender roles.

1. Extended Family

Extended families are families with two or more adults who are related through blood or marriage, usually along with children. extended families live together for social support and to achieve common goals.

1. Childless Family

Childless families are families with two parents who cannot have or don't want kids. In the world of family types and dynamics, these families are often forgotten or left out (even though you can still have a family without children). In the past, growing up, getting married, and having children was the norm, but in today's world, more people are choosing to postpone having children or deciding not to have any.

1. Stepfamily

A stepfamily is when two separate families merge into one. This can go several different ways, like two divorced parents with one or more children blending families, or one divorced parent with kids marrying someone who has never been married and has no kids.

1. Grandparent family

This is when the grandparents raise their grandchildren because the parents are unable to, don't want the child, or are dead. Grandparent families have many challenges, such as the age of the grandparents and the fact that they may have to work after retirement to raise the child.

1. Non-Related Family

Also known as a family by choice. This is a group of people who aren't blood related or married, but live together or consider themselves to be as close as a family. They may consist of people whose blood families have abandoned them or no longer exist.

2) Discuss the functions of the Family

1. A family frequently spends time together. Even if they live far apart, they will still try to call or message one another on a frequent basis. Families tend to get together during holidays and other events, too.
2. Family shows appreciation for one another. If a family member gives you a gift, you appreciate what they gave you. Families tend to respect one another, even if they don't agree all the time.
3. Families are good communicators. Someone in the family isn't afraid to get something off their chest. If there is a disagreement, the family works their hardest to resolve that in order to be amicable.
4. Families can share certain values and beliefs. Be it religious, political, or moral beliefs. Of course, families can also disagree on certain beliefs, too. Someone isn't a part of the family because they aren't religious.
5. They stick by one another any chance they get. Someone in the family won't be afraid to defend their family or support them. Of course, there is a limit. However, a good family will support members if they are looking for a certain job, or if they want to go to college.

3 Discuss the African Traditional family

African traditional family practiced polygamy because of the idea that the larger the family or clan, the more workers there are to work on the family farms, so that more wealth could be possessed. African family maintains strong bond through traditional practices such as upbringing of children and maintaining strong family values. Its practice now depends on religion of the person e.g. the Muslims can take up to 3 to 4 wives while Christians (most) practice monogamy

4 Discuss your Nuclear family

My nuclear family consists of my dad, my mom, my elder brother, my younger brother, my two younger sisters and i. we are very close like friendsand protect one another in every way we can.

5 Draw your family tree

Grandfather

Grandmother

grandfather

Grandmother

Brother

Sister

Sister

Sistet

me

Uncle

Aunt

Aunt

mother

Aunt

Aunt

Father

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