

1A COMMUNICATIVE Families

Student A

a Describe your photo to **B** in detail. Then listen to **B** describe his / her photo. Discuss in what ways the photos show how family life has changed over the past 50 years.



b Read the five statements and choose three you would like to talk about. Decide if you agree, disagree, or half-agree and think of reasons.

- 1 There should be at least one hour every evening when all members of the family turn off their electronic devices and talk to each other.
- 2 It's unfair for a baby to have parents under 18 or over 40.
- 3 Someone thinking of having a child should have a psychological test to make sure they are fit to be a parent.
- 4 An only child is a lonely child.
- 5 There is a lot of truth in the saying that 'Blood is thicker than water'.

c Read out your chosen statements to your partner one by one. Say what you think and ask if they agree with you.

Student B

a Listen to **A** describe his / her photo. Then describe your photo to **A** in detail. Discuss in what ways the photos show how family life has changed over the past 50 years.



b Read the five statements and choose three you would like to talk about. Decide if you agree, disagree, or half-agree and think of reasons.

- 1 Women with children under five should not go out to work.
- 2 Even if parents are unhappy, they should stay together because of their children.
- 3 Marriage should be a five-year renewable contract.
- 4 A person who decides not to have children should pay less tax than someone who has them.
- 5 There is a lot of truth in the saying that 'Children should be seen and not heard'.

c Read out your chosen statements to your partner one by one. Say what you think and ask if they agree with you.