LEARN THE WORDS, READ THE TEXT AND DO EXERCISES AFTER THE TEXT

About Myself

Word List and Word-Combinations on the subject «My Family»

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| to introduce oneself | представляти когось |
| to finish school | закінчувати школу |
| to graduate from the University | закінчувати університет |
| a surgeon | хірург |
| handsome | красивий (про чоловіка) |
| sociable | дружній, відкритий у спілкуванні |
| to work overtime | працювати додатковий час |
| a bread-maker | годувальник |
| to be fond of | любити, бути у захваті від чогось |
| slim | стрункий |
| pretty | гарненька (про жінку) |
| elegant | елегантний |
| smart | гарно одягнений, модний, витончений |
| to be in (to have) a habit of doing smth. | мати звичку чимось займатися |
| senior | старший |
| junior | молодший |
| to be married to | бути одруженим (-ою) |
| to get married to | одружуватися |
| gaiety | веселість |
| endless | нескінченний |
| to be retired/on pension | бути на пенсії |
| a family | родина |
| parents | батьки |
| a mother (mum) | мати (мама) |
| a father (dad) | батько (тато) |
| a son | син |
| a daughter | дочка |
| a sister | сестра |
| a brother | брат |
| a grandfather | дідусь |
| a grandmother | бабуся |
| a great-grandfather | прадід |
| a great-grandmother | прабабка |
| a grandson | онук |
| a granddaughter | онука |
| grandparents | дідусь та бабуся |
| grandchildren | онуки |
| an uncle | дядько |
| an aunt | тітка |
| a nephew | племінник |
| a niece | племінниця |
| a cousin | двоюрідний брат, двоюрідна сестра |
| a husband | чоловік |
| a wife | дружина |
| a father-in-law | тесть, свекор |
| a mother-in-law | теща, свекруха |
| a son-in-law | зять (чоловік дочки) |
| a daughter-in-law | невістка (дружина сина) |
| a brother-in-law | дівер (чоловік сестри) |
| a sister-in-law | братов*а* (дружина брата) |
| a stepfather | вітчим |
| a stepmother | мачеха |
| an adopted child | прийнята дитина |
| divorce | розлучення, розлучений |
| divorcee | розлучена |
| single | неодружений (-а) |
| descendant | нащадок |
| direct descendant | прямий нащадок |
| hereditory | родинний, традиційний |
| hier | спадкоємець |
| progeny | покоління, нащадки |
| relatives | родичі |
| (one’s) flash and blood | родич |

My Family

Before I start talking about my family let me introduce myself. I am Sveta Petrenko. I am 17. I have finished school this year. I was born in Kyiv, so I have been living in Kyiv since my childhood.

And now I am going to tell you about my family. We are a family of five. We think we are a large and friendly family. So we are happy to be living together and are getting on all right.

To begin with, I am going to talk first about my father. His name is Sergey Petrovich, he is 45. He works as a surgeon in a hospital. He is neither old, nor young. He is a good-looking man, handsome, rather thin with dark brown hair just beginning to get grey. He is a very sociable person. What I don’t like about my dad is that he is always busy. Very often he works overtime. He is a bread-maker in our family. He is fond of going to the country on week-ends, because he enjoys working in the garden.

My mother’s name is Galina Nickolaevna. She is three years younger than my father. She works as a teacher in a nursery school. My mother is rather slim and pretty, she is always elegant and smart. In short, she is a pleasant-looking woman about of 40. She always has a lot of work to do both at school and about the house. She is fond of her work and spends a lot of time there. But she has to cook the food for all the family at home. Shopping and cooking is nearly half a day’s work for her. But my granny and I are in a habit of helping her about the house.

Boris is my elder brother. He is six years senior to me. So he is 23 already. He has graduated from the University and he is an economist by profession now. Boris is married. His wife is a journalist. They are three in the family. They have got a child, my nephew. He is a lovely little boy of two with golden hair and dark brown eyes and a spirit that is always bright and happy, full of joy and gaiety.

And finally a few words about my granny. To tell you the truth, she is my best friend. She always listens to my endless stories about my friends and my school life. She is retired on pension now but in her youth and her older age she worked as a teacher at school. I must admit, she is a very understanding person.

Put it into a few words, we are a united and friendly family.

Excercises

1. Answer the following questions:

1. What do you say when you are introduced to someone? What is the reply? 2. Can you introduce your friend to me? Introduce him (her) to me, please. 3. Do you use the same expressions when meeting friends and when parting with them? Say what kind of polite expressions you use under such circumstances. What is the reply?

2. Based on the topic «My Family». Fill in the missing words:

1. I was born \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We are a family of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We are happy to be living together and \_\_\_\_\_ all right.

4. My father is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person.

5. My father often works \_\_\_\_\_.

6. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ in our family.

7. My mother is rather \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, she is always elegant and smart.

8. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman of about 40.

9. She is \_\_\_\_\_ her work and always spends a lot of time there.

10. Shopping and \_\_\_\_\_ is nearly half a day’s work for her.

11. I have a habit of \_\_\_\_\_ her about the house.

12. Boris is my \_\_\_\_\_ brother.

13. He has already \_\_\_\_\_ the University.

14. They have got a child, my \_\_\_\_\_.

15. It is a lovely little boy of two with \_\_\_\_\_ hair and dark blue eyes.

16. My granny always listens to my \_\_\_\_\_ stories about my school life.

17. She is \_\_\_\_\_ on pension.

18. I must admit, she is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person.

19. Put it into a few words, we are a \_\_\_\_\_ and friendly family.

3. Fill in the gaps with the words given at the end:

I want to tell you about my sister Helen.

Helen is 39 … …. She teaches German at …. She likes her … very much. She usually … to work at 9 o’clock and … at 4. Helen is …. Her husband’s name is Robert. He is … at the University. He is a very clever man, a talanted physicist, he … three foreign languages. Helen loves her husband, she is very … of him. Helen and Robert have two children: a son and a daughter. Their daughter’s name is Jane. She is 8. Jane is a …, … girl. She has a lot of friends and she … … them to her place. Helen’s son Mike is 18 … …. He is a first year student at the Medical Institute. He’s going to … a doctor … a few years. Mike is a good son and a brother. He … his parents about the house and he … his younger sister. But today Jane is … with Mike. She wants to go to the … with him but he … he’s busy.

I’m going to visit my sister tomorrow. I want to … some questions with her.

(angry, year, old, school, work, marry, research, worker, proud, sometimes, know, sociable, invite, student, in, help, look after, cinema, say, come, regularly, too, go, become, discuss)

Additional Words and Expressions

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| --- | --- |
| What’s your name (first name)? | Як Вас звати? |
| What’s your surname (last name)? | Як Ваше прізвище? |
| What are you? | Хто Ви (за професією)? |
| What’s your occupation? | Чим Ви займаєтесь? |
| How old are you? | Скільки Вам років? |
| I am 17. | Мені 17. |
| When were you born? | Коли Ви народилися? |
| I was born on the 23-d of January, 1988. | Я народився 23 січня 1988 року. |
| Have you any sisters or brothers? | Чи є у Вас брати і сестри? |
| Is your sister (brother) younger or elder than you? | Ваша сестра (брат) молодша чи старша (-ий) від Вас? |
| I am the only child in the family. | Я єдина дитина в сім’ї. |
| I have neither brother nor sister. | В мене немає ні брата, ні сестри. |
| What does he (she) look like? | Як він (вона) виглядає? |
| He is handsome. | Він гарний. *(про чоловіка)* |
| She is beautiful. | Вона гарна. *(про жінку)* |
| She is pretty (charming). | Вона гарненька. |
| She is like her mother (father). | Вона схожа на свою матір (батька). |
| They look alike. | Вони схожі між собою. |
| She is so unique. | Вона неповторна. |
| She (he) is so tactful. | Вона (він) така (-ий) тактовна (-ий). |
| Her charm is irresistible. | Її чарівність надзвичайна/ неповторна |
| She (he) is energetic  sharp-minded  emotionally stable  aggressive  generous  talanted  sensitive  good-hearted  simple-hearted | Вона (він) енергійна (-ий)  кмітлива (-ий)  емоційно врівноважена (-ий)  агресивна (-ий)  щедра (-ий)  талановита (-ий)  чутлива (-ий)  щиросердна (-ий)  простодушна (-ий) |
| cheerful  intelligent  educated  awkward  shy  easy-going  brave  stubborn  envious  sophisticated | весела (-ий)  розумна (-ий)  освічена (-ий)  незграбна (-ий)  ніякова (-ий)  компанійська (-ий)  хоробра (-ий)  вперта (-ий)  заздрісна (-ий)  з витонченим смаком |
| Where are you from?  What country are you from? | Звідки Ви?  Звідки Ви? |
| What is your nationality? | Хто Ви за національністю? |
| I am Ukrainian (Russian, English, American). | Я українець (росіянин, англієць, американець). |
| Is your family large (small)? | У Вас велика (маленька) родина? |
| How many persons are there in your family? | Зі скількох членів складається Ваша сім’я? |
| We are a family of four. | З чотирьох. |
| Are you related to Kate? | Чи Катерина Ваша родичка? |
| What is your address? | Яка Ваша адреса? |
| What is your phone number? | Який у Вас номер телефону? |
| What are your hobbies? | | Які у Вас хоббі? |
| What do you enjoy most? | | Що Ви найбільше полюбляєте? |
| I am a loner. I don’t like a noisy crowd.(Am) | | Я люблю самотність. Я не люблю гамірливого натовпу. |
| What kind of education did you get? | | Яку освіту Ви одержали? |
| Did you get a diploma (certificate)? | | Ви отримали диплом (свідоцтво, атестат)? |
| What is your favorite subject? | | Який Ваш улюблений предмет *(навчальний)*? |
| Are you doing well? | | Ви добре навчаєтесь? |
| When did you leave/finish school? | | Коли Ви закінчили школу? |
| What are you going to be? | | Ким Ви хочете стати? |

Written practice

1. Fill in the gaps with the words given at the end:

Mr and Mrs Cornford live in Rugby at 28 Coronation Street. Mr Cornford is a … fourty-year old man. He is a doctor by … and works at one of the city …. He is … very busy.

Mrs Cornford is a … woman with blond … and blue …. She is a typist. She works for a big …. She … at work 6 hours.

The Cornfords have two children. Their … daughter Susan is 16. Susan is … girl, she has a good memory, but she doesn’t … well at school. Her … interest is dancing. She … too much time on dancing and … to music. Susan … goes to parties. Sometimes she … … late and her parents are angry with her.

Susan’s sister Betty is … from her. She studies hard, and is the … pupil in her class. Her … … is English literature. She reads a lot and she … … her parents about the books she reads. Betty … to become a teacher.

(different, elder, want, top, bright, main, often, a lot, profession, hospital, eye, stay, tell, always, good-looking, interest, hair, firm, memory, do, listen, spend, come, home, main, serious)

2. Translate into English:

Можна, я розповім вам про себе та свою сім’ю? Мене звуть Іван Павленко, але всі звуть мене Ванею. Я інженер. Я працюю в торговій (sales) фірмі у відділі експорту. Я збираю різноманітну інформацію про нову продукцію та працюю із замовниками (customers). Я зайнята людина. Всяку роботу я люблю робити вчасно.

Я одружений і маю двох дітей. Моя дружина Марія — красива, чарівна жінка. Вона на 5 років молодша за мене. Марія працює в школі. Вона вчителька музики. Вона обожнює свою роботу. Музика її головне захоплення. Вона проводить багато часу на концертах. У нашому домі багато гарних касет та дисків.

Мій старший син Андрій — студент. Він фізик та збирається стати науковцем. Фізика його улюблений предмет, але він цікавиться також літературою. Велику частину часу він проводить в лабораторії або в бібліотеці. Андрій серйозний, спокійний юнак, щоправда, не дуже компанійський. Шкода, що він не займається спортом, хоча він любить дивитися футбол по телевізору.

Мій молодший син зовсім інший. Йому 12 років. Він вчиться в 6-му класі.

3. Translate into English:

Тоні Дейвіс живе з батьками. Йому 22 роки. В нього є брат. Він живе у Брістолі. Джеймс на чотири роки старший від Тоні. Джеймс одружений. В нього є син 6-и років. Він вчиться в другому класі. Тоні поки що не збирається одружуватися. Він працює на заводі. Йому подобається його робота. Але його платня невелика, і в нього немає власного дому. Через рік він збирається купити невеликий будинок. В нього є дівчина. Її звуть Керол. Вона секретарка в коледжі. Керол приваблива і компанійська дівчина. В них багато друзів. Вони часто ходять разом у кіно, їздять на пікніки. Керол іноді запрошує друзів до свого дому.

Щодо батьків Керол, то їм подобається Тоні. Вони кажуть, що він розумний, добрий хлопець. Тоні — добрий чоловік для Керол. Керол не хоче обговорювати це питання. Вона сердиться на них, коли вони починають про це говорити. Тоні ще дуже молодий, в нього немає дому, він захоплюється туризмом і в нього мало грошей. Батьки з нею не погоджуються.

**[[1]](#endnote-1)READ THE TEXT AND DO EXERCISES AFTER THE TEXT**

My Home

I would like to tell a few words about my home. To begin with, I want to tell you that I live in Kyiv, one of the largest and oldest cities of Europe. It is one of the most ancient cities located on the picturesque banks of the Dnieper River.

Our family live in a new flat in one of the largest newly built residential areas. We moved into our flat seven years ago. It is a three-room flat on the fifth floor of an eight-storeyed building. It consists of a living-room, a study, a bedroom, a kitchen, a bathroom, two closets and a lavatory. There are two balconies in our flat: the first one is in the living room, and the second — in the bedroom. Our flat has all modern conveniences: central heating, running cold and hot water, electricity, telephone and gas. Besides, there is a lift and a garbage disposal in our building. The layout is very good, I must admit. The rooms are light, though not very large. In my opinion, it’s quite a modern-looking flat. The windows face the park in front of the building and the view is really wonderful.

Our living-room is quite a big room of about 19 square meters. It is the largest room in our flat. As my parents don’t like much furniture in the house, so in the living room there are two comfortable armchairs and a sofa, a coffee-table and a nice thick carpet on the floor. Opposite the window there is a wall unit, but it doesn’t take much space in the room. Of course there is a colour TV-set, a stereo cassette-recorder and a record player in the living room. A nice chandelier is hanging on the ceiling and there is a standing lamp to the left of the sofa. During the day, the light comes in through the window, but at night when it gets dark, we switch on the light and draw the curtains across the windows. We like to receive our guests in this room.

And now I would like to describe our study. At first it was my daddy’s room, but as I grew older, it has become mine. To tell you the truth, I am very happy to have a room for myself, that’s why I always try to keep it tidy and cosy. There is a sofa, a writing table, a bookcase, a wardrobe in my room. On the wall there are some shelves full of English, Ukrainian and Russian books. There is a radio set on the shelf and, I must confess, I like to listen to the wireless in the evening. The dressing-table is next to the sofa. In the chest of drawers I keep clean linen and handkerchieves and in the wardrobe I keep my clothes, which I hang on coat-hangers. I have two water-colours on the wall above the sofa. They are nice copies of my favorite paintings by Serov.

Our bedroom is the smallest room in our flat. At night when my parents feel tired and sleepy, they share this room.

But the most popular and favourite place with all of us is the kitchen, as we spend most of our time there. We are not big-eaters, but we use our kitchen as a place where we can have a talk about our problems and life.

In the kitchen there are some stools, a table, a cupboard, a sink with water taps, a fridge and a gas cooker. Of course, we usually have our meals there.

We like our flat very much. It is important that our house is rather close to the underground station and we can get to any place we like.

Word List

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| to consist of … | складатися з … |
| to move into | переїхати, в’їхати |
| a study | кабінет |
| a sitting-room | спільна кімната в квартирі, вітальня |
| a balcony | балкон |
| a lavatory | туалет |
| a closet | кладова, стінний шаф |
| modern conveniences | сучасні зручності |
| central heating | центральне опалення |
| garbage disposal | сміттєпровід |
| to look out on (to face smth.) | виходити на |
| a view | вигляд |
| space | простір |
| stereo cassette-recorder | стереомагнітофон |
| furniture | меблі |
| a carpet | килим |
| a wall unit | меблі «стінка» |
| a sofa | диван |
| an armchair | крісло |
| a wardrobe | шафа |
| a bookcase | книжкова шафа |
| a chest of drawers | комод |

Exercises

1. Answer the following questions:

1. Where do you live? Describe your flat (house).

2. Is there a lift in your block of flats?

3. Which floor is your flat on?

4. What modern conveniences are there in your flat (house)?

5. How many rooms are there in your flat?

6. Which room is the largest one? Describe it.

7. What furniture is there in your living room?

8. How long have you lived in your house?

9. How many storeys are there in your house?

10. Is there a yard or a park near your house?

11. When did you move into your flat?

12. Do you have a room for yourself?

13. How is your kitchen furnished?

14. Do you like your flat (house)?

2. Based on the topic «My Home». Fill in the missing words:

1. Kyiv is one of the most ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_ located on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ banks of the Dnieper River.

2. Our family live in a new flat in one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ newly built \_\_\_\_\_\_ areas.

3. Our flat has all modern \_\_\_\_\_\_: central \_\_\_\_\_\_, running cold and hot water, electricity, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and gas.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ is very good in our building.

5. In my opinion, it’s quite a modern-\_\_\_\_\_\_ flat.

6. As my parents don’t like much furniture in the house so in the living-room there are two \_\_\_\_\_\_ armchairs and a sofa, coffee table and a nice \_\_\_\_\_\_ carpet on the floor.

7. Opposite the window there is a \_\_\_\_\_\_, but it doesn’t take much \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the room.

8. A nice \_\_\_\_\_\_ is hanging from the ceiling and there is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ lamp to the left of the sofa.

9. We like \_\_\_\_\_\_ our guests in this room.

10. I am very glad to have a room for \_\_\_\_\_\_, that’s why I always try to keep it \_\_\_\_\_\_ and cosy.

11. I like to listen to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the evening.

12. In the \_\_\_\_\_\_ I keep clean linen and handkerchieves and in the wardrobe I keep my \_\_\_\_\_\_ which I hang on the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. We are not big-eaters, but we use our kitchen as a \_\_\_\_\_\_ where we can have a \_\_\_\_\_\_ about our problems and life.

14. It is important that our house is rather \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the underground station and we can \_\_\_\_\_\_ to any place we like.

Written practice

1. Fill in the gaps with the words given at the end:

Mr Bridge is … about his new job. He is very … in his new job. His office is round the …. It is in fact … his house. It is … a well-payed job. Mr Bridge isn’t a … man. His family is … large. With his new job he’s going … a big car. His wife is … it. She is going to buy … things for the house. In her opinion the house is not …. The furniture is …. The … is small for the food. There are holes in the …. She is … of nice things in the house. This is what his wife is …. And Mr Bridge is … of his wife. She is … a good mother. She is very pretty …. So the big car is going to wait.

(happy, corner, talking, also, too, fond (2), opposite, fairly, rich, against, to buy, cosy, modern, old-fashioned, carpet, fridge, such, like)

2. Translate into English:

У мого друга двокімнатна квартира у 5-поверховому будинку. Квартира міститься на третьому поверсі. Вона невелика, але зручна. Вітальня вельми простора і світла. Там стоїть стіл і кілька стільців. Праворуч стоїть книжкова шафа. Навпроти, у лівому кутку стоять телевізор і два крісла. Його дружина збирається купувати нові меблі. Мій друг проти. Йому подобаються старі меблі. Вони мають дуже зручну і велику кухню. У квартирі велика вітальня. Квартира досить добре запланована. Мої друзі задоволені своєю квартирою. У мене теж така квартира. Але я збираюся переїздити. Я хочу купити дім.

Final discussion.

1. Imagine you are having a big party. Introduce all the members of your family and your relatives to the guests. Say what their names are, what relation they are to you, what they do, etc.

2. Speak about the members of your family you love most.

3. Can you imagine what your mother tells her friends about you? Can you speak about yourself as if you were your mother?

4. Say whether you are for large or small families. Give examples to support your opinion.

5. Give your idea of an ideal flat (house) for yourself.

6. Give your idea of a comfortably furnished flat (house).

7. You are pleased (not pleased) with your working conditions. You are fond of (not fond of) your work room. Say why.

8. Two of your friends are on holiday now. You are going to invite them to stay at your place for a week. Say that there is enough room for them in your flat.

9. You prefer to have a nice flat in the centre of the city, your friend prefers a house in the country. Give reasons for and against each.

10. You are going to move to another residential area. You have several offers. You are discussing flats with various people who are phoning you. Each side is interested in every detail of the other side.

1. Our University

   I am a first-year student of a part-time form of study at Zhytomyr State Technological University. It was founded in 1960 as the Zhytomyr General-Technical Faculty of Kyiv Polytechnic Institute. In 2003 the Institute was reorganized into Zhytomyr State Technological University. Its structure includes five faculties:

   * the faculty of mechanical engineering;
   * the faculty of information-computer technologies;
   * the faculty of economics and management;
   * the faculty of mining and ecology;
   * the faculty of audit and finance.

   The faculty of preliminary training and the faculty of specialists’ retraining were established as important elements of the system of continuous education.

   Almost 7 thousand students of full-time and part-time forms of training study at ZSTU in 17 specialities. The University provides training leading to the degrees of Bachelor, Specialist (engineers, economists, managers) and Master. The duration of training for part-time students is 5 years to get Bachelor’s degree and 6 years to get Specialist’s (Master’s degree) .

   I had to take entrance examinations in Mathematics and Ukrainian. My group mates from many towns and villages are specializing in different fields. We have many highly qualified lecturers and professors, and the well-equipped laboratories are of great help to us.

   The academic year begins in September. It lasts ten months and ends in June. There are two terms in the course of academic year. So students take examinations twice a year. During the terms students have to attend lectures, to carry out laboratory tests, and to do practical work.

   Education without Interrupting Work

   All people in Ukraine have the right to free education. At our higher educational institutions we have full-time and correspondence forms of training. Students get an all-round education.

   There are a lot of extramural departments at different higher educational establishments in our country. For those who cannot study at the full-time department the part-time education system gives opportunities to acquire education in off-work hours. Part-time students attend classes in definite time three times a year. The government grants a number of privileges to part-time students. For such students our government guarantees paid vacations for examination sessions and-four-month leave for preparing diploma project.

   It is not easy to combine work and studies, but this way is very popular. But it helps to raise one’s qualification without interrupting his work.

   During the studies students get an all-round education. Besides special subjects the humanities are obligatory subjects for future specialists, where English is one of them. A modern engineer, scientist or a production manager must have a good command of English. A specialist who can read the literature in his field in several languages has much better grasp of the subject. Knowledge of foreign languages opens doors before you, gives you many opportunities and advantages. Knowledge of foreign languages has always been a sign of high culture and erudition. It helps to promote cultural education and technical co-operation among nations. That’s why one must work hard to master English. There is a proverb, “As many languages you know, as many times you are a person”. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)