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Before starting to speak about my family I'd like to say what family is in my opinion. I think the family is an emotional centre of people's lives, it is transmitter of cultures and raising children. Family is very important for every person, because it gives you a sense of stability and tradition, a feeling of having support and understanding**.** In a friendly family people are gentle, respectful and loving. They always share joys and sorrows as well as domestic chores. That is how things should be in every family. And that is how my family of four is built.

My family consists of my mother, my father my elder brother and me. I'd better start my story with my dad. His name is…. . He is in his late thirties.He looks powerful and impressive. At present, he is a… . Though he is very busy he finds time to talk with me about school and my interests. My mum's name is … . She is a … . Mum is devoted to her work, she is a good professional and enjoys respect from her colleagues. My mother is a cheerful person with a good sense of humour. As for her appearance, she is pretty. Her hair is dark, she wears it short. Her eyes are … . And her pleasant smile makes my mum especially attractive. I get on well with **my brother**. He is a student… We like watching films together and discussing them. We share secrets. When I'm sad he raises my mood. He tells funny stories and makes me laugh. He is my best friend.

I can't say we are free of "fathers-and-sons" problem. I like watching television and surfing the Net, though my parents aren't happy about my spending hours in front of the telly or computer. They'd rather see me reading a book or walking in the open air, which they say, would be healthier and more useful. S**ometimes we fall out, misunderstand** each other. But it's very important to find a compromise. We should be ready to appologise to our relatives and forgive them. Because they are our nearest and dearest. In other words, we should be generous to give and grateful to take.

You know, my parents and I are usually very busy during the weekdays but **we find time for one another**. *Eating together* makes us feel close. While having dinner we talk about everything (school, news, plans). Furthermore, once a week my parents *give the flat a big clean*. Of course I help them with it. In addition, we may *go shopping* together. Our family traditions are also connected with some holidays: birthdays, weddings and anniversaries. *Birthdays* are always a happy event in our family. On these days we usually have a party. Friends and relatives come with flowers and gifts and a festive dinner is served with plenty of delicious food to eat. We listen to music, dance, sing and just chat.

Our grandparents don't live with us. But we often go to visit them. We try to help them as much as possible. I have many remote relatives: aunts, uncles and cousins.

Now to cut the long story short I'd like to say that **my family means the world to me.** Family is like music: some high notes, some low notes, but always a beautiful song. Sometimes we argue and disagree with one another. We even stop talking to each other at times, but in the end, family is family… and love will always be there.

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