

Paul's Family and Friends

Hi! Welcome to my home. My name is Paul. I'm 12 years old, and this is my beautiful family. There are six people in my family: my mom, my dad, my two sisters, my younger brother, and me.

This is my sister Olivia, who is ten. She is in the fourth grade and loves reading. Her favorite school subject is English.

This is my younger brother Oliver, who is seven. He is in the first grade and loves playing games with his spinning top. He never seems to get enough of it.

You respond: What is your favorite ...

This is my youngest sister Lucy, who has just turned four. She is in kindergarten and loves playing with her dolls.

We get along very well and love each other very much. But sometimes, we have our fights and arguments too. We usually make up soon afterwards.

My mom is a nurse, and she works in a hospital. She is so kind and compassionate, and she always takes good care of sick people. When she gets home, she always helps us with our homework. My mom is an excellent cook, and she loves to bake delicious cakes.

My dad is a photographer. He travels often for his job to take great pictures in different places. When he returns home from his travels, he tries to spend as much time as possible with us, and we have a lot of fun together. On weekends, we sometimes go on bike rides.

This is my uncle, my mom's brother. His name is Simon. He and my dad are brothers-in-law. My dad doesn't have any siblings. My uncle is so proud to have two nephews and two nieces.

This is my aunt. She is my uncle's wife, and her name is Grace. They have two kids: a three-year-old daughter named Lizzy and a newborn son. They are my cousins.

Happy birthday, Grandma!

"Thank you, sweetheart."

This is my grandma. We are celebrating her birthday. She is turning 55. Now she has six grandchildren—three grandsons and three granddaughters.

She and my grandpa are farmers, and they live on a big farm in the countryside. She loves feeding her animals and taking care of them. She also enjoys working in the garden. She

grows many fruits and vegetables.

We love spending our vacations on her farm. She always has so many wonderful tales to tell us.

My grandpa is 60, and he is very energetic and hardworking. He wakes up very early in the morning every day. There's always something to do on the farm, and my grandpa is always busy. He is very funny and tells us many great jokes, which make us laugh so much. They are my grandparents on my mother's side.

My grandparents on my father's side live in a different country, very far away from us, in a big city. They live in a four-room apartment on the third floor. They are retired, so they usually go on many camper van trips. They enjoy spending as much time as possible in nature. That's why they're so healthy and energetic.

They visit us several times a year, and we also talk on Skype pretty often.

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If you want, I can also turn this into a comprehension worksheet and vocabulary activity for your ESL 2 students so they can practice family vocabulary and details from the story.

Summary

- Paul introduces his family of six, including his parents, two sisters, and younger brother.
- He describes his parents' jobs as a nurse and a photographer, and his uncle and aunt with their two children.
- Paul also talks about his maternal grandparents who are farmers and his paternal grandparents who live in another country.



Vocabulary

Review key vocabulary words from the reading.

compassionate

adjective

Feeling or showing kindness and care for people who are suffering.

The nurse was compassionate to the sick people.

photographer

noun

A person who takes pictures with a camera.

My dad is a photographer and takes pictures of cool places.

siblings

noun

Brothers or sisters.

Paul does not have any siblings.

nephews

noun

The sons of your brother or sister.

My uncle has two nephews, Paul and his brother.

nieces

noun

The daughters of your brother or sister.

My uncle has two nieces, Paul's sisters.

grandchildren

noun

The children of your son or daughter.

Grandma has six grandchildren.

energetic

adjective

Having or showing a lot of energy.

Grandpa is very energetic and wakes up early.



Multiple Choice Questions

Answer the following multiple choice questions about the reading.

1. What is Paul's younger brother's name and what does he enjoy doing?

- A. Simon, playing games with his spinning top
- B. Paul, playing games with his spinning top
- C. Oliver, reading books
- D. Oliver, playing games with his spinning top

2. What is Paul's mother's profession and what is a hobby she enjoys?

- A. Nurse, gardening
- B. Photographer, baking delicious cakes
- C. Teacher, baking delicious cakes
- D. Nurse, baking delicious cakes

3. Where do Paul's grandparents on his father's side live and what do they enjoy doing during retirement?

- A. In the countryside, gardening
- B. In the countryside, working on a farm
- C. In a different country, traveling in a camper van
- D. In a different country, working in a hospital

Name: _____ Date: _____



Short Answer Questions

Answer the following short answer questions about the reading.

1. What is Paul's uncle's name and how is he related to Paul's dad?

2. Describe Paul's aunt and her children.

3. What does Paul's grandma enjoy doing on her farm?

Name: _____ Date: _____



Think Pair Share

Instructions: Read and answer the question independently. Compare your answer with your partners. Work together to prepare what you will share.

Paul's family loves spending time together, even though they sometimes argue. Can you think of a time when you and your family or friends had a disagreement, but then made up and felt better afterwards?

I think...

Before talking to your partner, answer the question using what you learned from the reading and your own background knowledge.

My partner thinks...

Take notes on your partner's response. How is it different from yours? How is it the same?

We will share...

Decide together what you will share aloud with others.



Vocabulary Choice Board

Instructions: Pick one activity from the choice board below. Highlight or circle the activity you plan to complete.

Vocabulary				
compassionate Feeling or showing kindness and care for people who are suffering.	photographer A person who takes pictures with a camera.	siblings Brothers or sisters.	nephews The sons of your brother or sister.	nieces The daughters of your brother or sister.
 Write a Poem Write a poem that includes 5 vocabulary words in a way that shows you understand their meaning. Make sure to include a word bank at the bottom of your poem with the 5 key words you used and their definitions.	 Create Flashcards For 5 vocabulary words create flashcards in the following way: one side of the flash card should have the word, the other side should have the definition and a visual that represents the word. Be sure to explain how the visual represents the word.	 Rewrite A Song Rewrite the lyrics of a song to include 5 vocabulary words. Make sure the song still makes sense with these new words added in. Make sure to include a word bank at the bottom of your lyrics with the 5 key words you used and their definitions.		
 Create a Collage A collage is when you take printed images and paste them together to create one large image. Create a collage of 5 images, one image representing each word. On the bottom of the collage, explain how each image represents a word.	PICK ONE ACTIVITY TO COMPLETE		 Digital Poster Create a digital poster that includes 5 words with definitions and an image of visual that represents that word. On the bottom of the poster, explain how each image represents a word.	
 Social Media Post For each post in the "story" have the word, a definition, and use stickers or emojis to further represent the word. Make sure to explain how the visuals used represent the word. Complete for 5 words. Download the images and turn them in.	 Write a Speech Speeches are usually written to inform people of a situation or get people to take action. Using 5 vocabulary words in meaningful and relevant ways, write a speech. Make sure to include a word bank at the bottom of your speech with the 5 key words you used and their definitions.	 Make a Slideshow Create a 10 slide presentation. In the first slide, introduce the word and the definition. In the second slide, show an image related to the term and explain why you picked that image. Complete for 5 terms.		