

## Lecture 7 In-class Practice

### Practice 1

Statements	Questions	✓ or Not given
<b>Nuclear families, with mother, father and child/children, are more common in large cities.</b>	1. Can you have a nuclear family of three people?	
	2. Were there any nuclear families 500 years ago?	

Statements	Questions	✓ or Not given
<b>In China, there are specific words for many kinds of family relationships, e.g. a word for 'father's sister's son/daughter'</b>	3. What is the reason for China having so many words for family relationships??	
	4. Is there a specific term for 'aunt's children' in China?	

Statements	Questions	✓ or Not given
<b>One of the main reasons for arranged marriages is to keep money and property in the family.</b>	5. How does an arranged marriage keep the family money and property safe?	
	6. Is wealth the key factor for a arranged marriage?	

## Practice 2

Statements	Information	✓, ✗ or Not Given
<b>Children in large families usually don't have many possessions, but one advantage is that they can get help from their brothers and sisters.</b>	1. Children with lots of brothers and sisters usually have more things of their own.	
	2. Brothers and sisters can provide help for each other.	
	3. Children in medium-sized families don't help each other.	

Statements	Information	✓, ✗ or Not Given
<b>In families around the world, the father is usually in charge; however, it is usually the mother who takes charge of the home.</b>	1. In Britain, the father is usually the head of the family.	
	2. In many countries, although the father is important, the mother deals with the home.	
	3. Mothers are the head in the families in most countries around the world.	

## Practice 3

### Changes in family structure

There are many types of family systems around the world. In North America and northern Europe, the nuclear family (with two generations - a father, mother and one or more children) is often seen as the most typical. In contrast, in most other parts of the world, extended families, which include other family members such as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, are seen as the norm.

#### **True, False or Not Given?**

**In the USA, the nuclear family is seen as the most common.**

This trend began in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, when people were forced to move to cities to find work in the factories that sprang up during the Industrial Revolution. In the twentieth century, greater industrialization resulted in even more people leaving their large extended families. Urbanization also meant that people lived in much smaller houses, which were not big enough for an extended family. Thus, the common view is that the nuclear family has become the norm in many Western societies as a result of both industrialization and urbanization.

#### **True, False or Not Given?**

**Nuclear families started with the rise in industrialization solely.**

The trend towards nuclear families meant that many of the duties and responsibilities of a family, such as providing food and shelter, cleaning the home, preparing the food, caring for children and their education, and caring for the sick and elderly are no longer shared among the members of the extended family. The parents (or parent) now have to do this, with some help from the state. As a result, they may suffer more pressure of supporting the families than ever before in the history.

#### **True, False or Not Given?**

**In nuclear families, people have a higher standard of living.**

We may think we know what we mean by a 'nuclear' family and an 'extended' family, but reality is more complicated than most people believe. Most nuclear families are part of extended families: children have grandparents and in many cases, aunts, uncles and cousins as well. Part of what makes them 'nuclear' is that they live in their own separate household, but it is not the whole story. In Greece or Italy, for example, a nuclear family may live in its own flat, but the extended family may live in the same apartment block or in the same street and family members see each other and even eat together every day.

**True or False?**

**Nuclear families are isolated from their extended family.**

The structure of families changes over time. The effects of urbanization and industrialization are enormous, but they are not the only reasons for the changes. People marry, have children, become widowed, divorce and die. Children grow up and adults grow old. Nuclear families become extended families and extended families become nuclear families.

Family ties stay strong or become weak. One thing is certain: in a changing world, the form of family will never be fixed, but ultimately, it is likely to continue to be the basic unit of society.

**True or False?**

**Changes to family structure will continue in the future.**

## Practice 4

Read the following statements. Write (F) for fact and (O) for opinion.

1. The distance between Birmingham and Cheltenham is about 40 miles.
2. There are currently two areas with roadworks between Birmingham and Cheltenham.
3. Cheltenham is well worth a visit.
4. Cheltenham has music, literature and horseracing festivals, as well as award-winning gardens.
5. The living expenditure in Cheltenham is moderate and people can live a peaceful life there.
6. People should visit Cheltenham in Summer which is the best season of the year.