

About the Chapter

- Introduction
- Nuclear family
- Advantages of nuclear family
- Joint family
- Disadvantages of joint family

Unit 1: Our Family

1

Family



We all are members of a family. A **family** is made up of mother, father, brother and sister living together.

All the members of a family love each other. A family may be of following types :

1. Nuclear family
2. Joint family

Remember

A small family is a happy family.

1. Nuclear Family

Parents and their children live in a nuclear family. It may be small or big.

Small Family

A small family is a happy family. It has one or two children and their parents. All the needs of a small family are fulfilled easily. The needs of the family members such as clothes, food and housing are satisfied easily. Children are provided with good education.



Big Family



A big family is not a happy family. It has three or more children and their parents. The needs of a big family are also more. All the family members are not happy. Their needs for food, clothes and education are not satisfied. The children keep on quarrelling, and this worries the parents.

Teacher's Corner

- Encourage the students to tell about their family members. Do they live in a Nuclear Family or a Joint Family?
- Encourage the students to make a list of their family members along with their names, ages and roles in the family.



Advantages of Nuclear Family

Following are the advantages of a nuclear family :

It needs less space to live. All its needs can be satisfied easily. Children get good education. Parents take care of the family.



Remember

One or two children make a family happy.

2. Joint Family

In a joint family, two or more than two nuclear families live together. It has grandparents, parents, uncle-aunt and their children living together. The grand father is the head of the family. There are problems in such a family as all its needs are not satisfied.



Disadvantages of a Joint Family

A joint family needs more space to live. It is nearly impossible to fulfill the needs of every member. All the children do not get equal care. It is difficult to satisfy the needs of food, clothes, medical care and other needs of the members.

Learnt by Now



- Mother, father, brother and sister make a family.
- A nuclear family may be small or big.
- All the needs of a nuclear family can be satisfied easily.
- Two or more nuclear families live in a joint family.
- In a joint family, it is difficult to fulfill the needs of all the members.



Exercise

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer : (MCQs)

1. Parents and children live in a _____.

- (a) joint family. (b) nuclear family. (c) none of these.

2. A small family is a _____.

- (a) happy family. (b) unhappy family. (c) worried family.



3. The number of children in a big family is _____.
 (a) one. (b) two. (c) more than two.
4. Grandparents, parents, uncle-aunt and their children live in _____.
 (a) a joint family. (b) a nuclear family. (c) both.

B. Write answers to the following questions :

1. What is a family ?
2. What is a nuclear family ?
3. What is the difference between a small family and a big family ?
4. What is a joint family ?
5. What are the disadvantages of a joint family ?

C. Fill in the blanks :

1. A _____ family is a happy family.
2. A _____ family is an unhappy family.
3. Grandfather is the _____ of a joint family.
4. A joint family needs more _____ to live.



D. Cross out (X) the wrong statements :

1. All the needs of a small family are fulfilled easily.
2. The members of a joint family are happy.
3. A joint family has two or more nuclear families.
4. There are always problems in a joint family.

■ Creative Task



1. Collect the following information about any five of your friends :

Friend's name, kind of family, number of members, head of the family

2. Write your relation with the following :

Father's father	_____	Mother's father	_____
Father's mother	_____	Mother's mother	_____
Father's elder brother	_____	Mother's sister	_____
Father's younger brother	_____	Mother's brother	_____
Father's sister	_____	Mother's sister's husband	_____