



VOCABULARY BANK

Family and Relationships

Family and Relationships | Bank 1: family life and communication | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Quick confidence check

Before you study the topic, mark the column that best describes your confidence with each word or phrase.

Word or phrase	New to me	I recognise it	I can use it
family routine	☐	☐	☐
household chores	☐	☐	☐
share responsibility	☐	☐	☐
spend quality time	☐	☐	☐
support each other	☐	☐	☐
communicate clearly	☐	☐	☐
argue about	☐	☐	☐
solve a disagreement	☐	☐	☐
personal space	☐	☐	☐
generation gap	☐	☐	☐
give advice	☐	☐	☐
listen carefully	☐	☐	☐

2. Vocabulary bank

Here are some useful words, adjectives, verbs and chunks that can be reused in exam answers. If you are not sure of their meaning, check online or ask your teacher.

Category	Useful vocabulary
Family life	family routine, household chores, family celebration, generation gap, personal space, quality time
Communication	communicate clearly, listen carefully, give advice, honest conversation, solve a disagreement, apologise
Support	support each other, share responsibility, be there for someone, respect others, make a sensible choice
Opinion chunks	Families can support each other by..., One common disagreement is..., It is important to listen because..., Teenagers sometimes need..., This can improve relationships.

3. Match the meaning

Match each word or phrase with the correct meaning. Then choose four and write your own examples.

Word or phrase	Meaning
1. household chores	a. share ideas in a way other people can understand
2. spend quality time	b. privacy or time alone that someone needs
3. communicate clearly	c. jobs done at home, such as cleaning or washing dishes
4. generation gap	d. find a way to end an argument or problem
5. personal space	e. spend time with someone in a positive and meaningful way
6. solve a disagreement	f. differences in opinions between younger and older people

4. Build useful chunks

Choose useful chunks from the grid. Then write three natural sentences you could use in a speaking or writing answer.

share responsibility	do household chores	spend quality time
communicate clearly	listen carefully	give advice
solve a disagreement	respect personal space	support each other

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. Read in context

Read the text. The bold words are from the vocabulary bank.

Communicating at Home

Family life is easier when people **communicate clearly** and listen to each other. In many homes, arguments happen because people have different routines, opinions or expectations.

Teenagers may want more **personal space**, while parents may worry about schoolwork, safety or screen time. This can create a **generation gap** if both sides refuse to listen.

One way to reduce conflict is to **share responsibility** at home. When everyone helps with **household chores**, one person is less likely to feel stressed or treated unfairly.

Strong families do not agree all the time, but they try to solve disagreements respectfully. Spending quality time together and having honest conversations can help people support each other.

6. Check your understanding

Answer the questions in your own words. Use the vocabulary bank where it fits naturally.

READING CHECK

1. Why do arguments sometimes happen at home?

2. What might teenagers want more of?

3. How can sharing responsibility reduce conflict?

4. What can help families support each other?

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

What does 'generation gap' mean in the text?

- A. Differences between younger and older people
- B. A room shared by siblings
- C. A family celebration
- D. A list of chores

What is the writer's main point?

- A. Families need communication and respect.
- B. Teenagers should never have privacy.
- C. Chores are not important.
- D. Arguments cannot be solved.

7. Use the vocabulary

Task	What to do
Speaking 1	Describe one responsibility teenagers can have at home.
Speaking 2	Discuss this question: How much personal space should teenagers have?
Writing	Write a short paragraph giving advice about solving a family disagreement.
Review	Return to the confidence table. Choose one item you want to improve and write a clear example sentence.

8. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

- What causes arguments in families?
- Should everyone in a family do chores?
- How can parents and teenagers communicate better?
- Why is personal space important?
- What does quality time mean to you?

**ANSWER KEY**

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3. Match the meaning

1. c = jobs done at home, such as cleaning or washing dishes
2. e = spend time with someone in a positive and meaningful way
3. a = share ideas in a way other people can understand
4. f = differences in opinions between younger and older people
5. b = privacy or time alone that someone needs
6. d = find a way to end an argument or problem

6. Check your understanding

1. They may have different routines, opinions or expectations.
2. They may want more personal space.
3. Everyone helps, so one person is less likely to feel stressed or treated unfairly.
4. Spending quality time together and having honest conversations can help.

MCQ 1: A. Differences between younger and older people.

MCQ 2: A. Families need communication and respect.