



The Family

Social groups are important in a community. A school is a social group. A church is a social group. A family is also a social group.

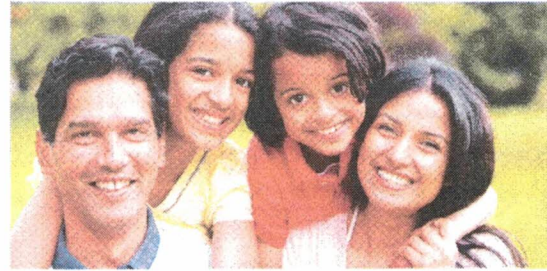
In the United States, families are often different. Some families are large, and other families are small. Many families are two-parent families. In some two-parent families, a mother and a father are married to each other. In other two-parent families, the mother and the father aren't married but they are living together. Some families are same-sex families. Both parents are men, or both parents are women.

Some families are single-parent families with just one parent—a mother or a father. In these families, sometimes the parents are divorced. They aren't married anymore. The children are at home with one parent.

In some families, both parents are working. In other families, one family member is at home with the children and the other is working.

In a strong family, healthy food, good clothing,

and a clean home are important. In a strong family, parents are always teaching and children are always learning. Parents are teaching their children important lessons about life, and children are learning what is right and what is wrong. A strong family is important for children. It is also important for a community.



	1970	2012
Average number of children per family	2.3	1.9
Percentage of homes with married parents and children	40%	20%
Percentage of homes with a single parent and children	11%	18%
Percentage of married parents with both parents working	56%	75%

- An example of a two-parent family is a family with _____.
 - a mother and a grandmother
 - a mother and a father
 - a divorced father
 - a single mother
- In some families, the mother and father are not married, but they are _____.
 - living together
 - divorced
 - working
 - single parents
- Divorced parents are _____.
 - married
 - not married
 - a husband and a wife
 - a two-parent family
- In a strong family, parents are always _____ their children.
 - calling
 - writing to
 - having problems with
 - teaching
- In 2012, _____ percent of homes are married parents with children.
 - 18
 - 20
 - 40
 - 75
- This passage is about _____.
 - large families
 - divorced couples
 - different kinds of families
 - social groups in a community

APPLY YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- What type of family are you in?
- What social groups are you in?