

Unit 2

Conversation 1

Tell me about your family.

How many people are in your family? Do you prefer small families or big families?

CONSIDER THIS

Do you have any brothers or sisters?



Joel Gosselin has two brothers and three sisters—and all six children were born on May 11, 2004! They're sextuplets! The chance of having two babies (or twins) is 1 in 89!

Babies	Chances
three	1 in 7,921
four	1 in 704,969
five	1 in 62,742,241
six	1 in 5,584,059,449

- Do you know any twins?
- Would you like to have five brothers or sisters?



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- Niki: I love that new T-shirt you're wearing!
- Liana: Thanks! My sister gave it to me for my birthday.
- Niki: She has good taste. How old is she?
- Liana: Actually, she's the same age as me, 24. We're twins. Look, here's a photo of us together.
- Niki: Wow, you really look alike! And who's that?
- Liana: That's my brother, Joseph. He's a musician.
- Niki: Is he married?
- Liana: Yes, he is. And he has two children, Anna and Max.
- Niki: You look too young to be an aunt! Do they live near you?
- Liana: No, they live far away, but they're coming here to visit soon. I can't wait to see them again. So, tell me about your family. Do you have any brothers or sisters?
- Niki: Yes, I have three brothers, but no sisters. They're all younger than me. I'm the oldest.



GIVE IT A TRY

1. Describing your family

Tell me about your family.
Do you have any brothers or sisters?
Have you got

I have three brothers but no sisters.
I've got and one sister.
No, I'm an only child.
We're twins.

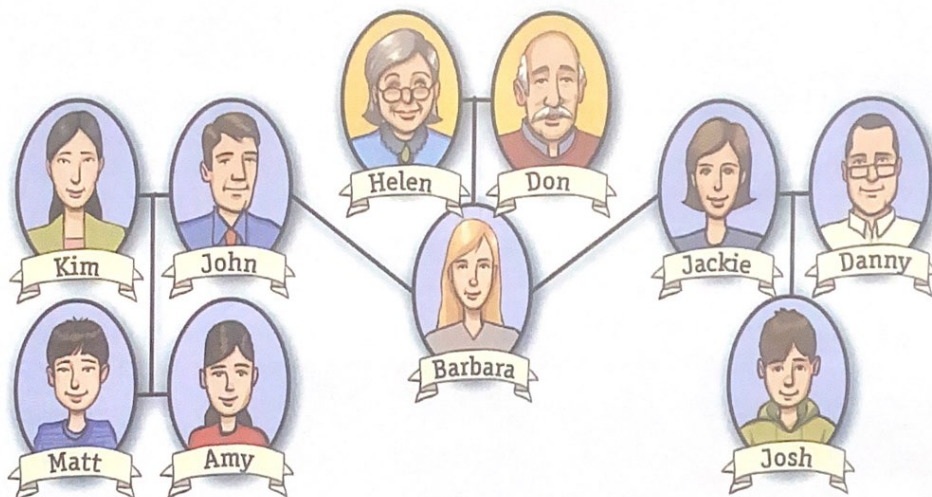
Use These Words

grandmother	grandfather
mother	father
daughter	son
sister	brother
sister-in-law	brother-in-law
aunt	uncle
niece	nephew
cousin	cousin

PRACTICE 1

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Listen to the example. Ask your partner if he or she has any brothers or sisters.



PRACTICE 2

Look at the family tree. Student A is Amy. Student B asks about her family.

PRACTICE 3

Describe your family to your partner. Your partner will draw your family tree.

2. Marital status and children

Is your brother / sister married?
Is he / she single?

Yes, he / she is.
No, he / she isn't. He's / she's married / single.

Does he / she have any children?

Yes, he / she has two children.
No, he / she doesn't.

PRACTICE

Class CD 1
Track 17

Listen to the example. Then ask your classmates about their families.

3. Talking about age

How old is your sister / brother?

She's 24.

She's the same age as me.

We're the same age.

How old are your brothers / sisters?

The oldest is 40.

The middle one is 32.

The youngest is 16.

Are you the oldest / youngest?

Yes, I am.

No, I'm the youngest.

PRACTICE

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Track 18

Listen to the example. Then ask your partner about the ages of his or her brothers or sisters. (If he or she is an only child, ask about cousins.) Reverse roles. Then ask another classmate.

LISTEN TO THIS

Part 1 Look at the pictures. What do you think is happening in each one? What do you think the family relationships are?

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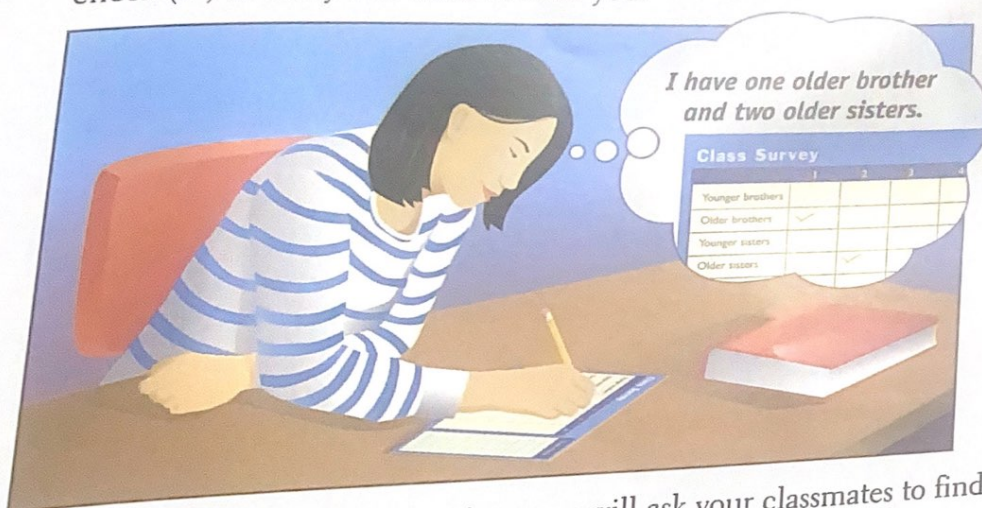
Part 2 Listen to Claire talking about her 21st birthday party. Number the pictures 1-4.



Part 3 Describe Claire's family to your partner. Draw her family tree.

LET'S TALK

Part 1 You are going to do a class survey. First, read the chart in Part 3 and put a check (✓) in every box that's true for you.



Part 2 Write down three questions you will ask your classmates to find out how many brothers and sisters they have.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Part 3 Ask everyone your questions. Mark the chart with their answers. Remember to make a note of which students you have asked.

Class Survey					Student Names
	1	2	3	4+	
Younger brothers					
Older brothers					
Younger sisters					
Older sisters					
Total brothers and sisters					
Oldest child					
Youngest child					
Only child					

our answers by making sentences about your chart.
have no brothers or sisters.