VocabNote

Home & Family: 80 English Words

Level A1 · 80 words

Family members, rooms, furniture, and daily routines at home.

Family members

WORD	ENGLISH DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
mom noun · /mɒm/	The female parent of a person or child.	My mom always makes delicious cookies for us every Sunday afternoon.
dad noun · /dæd/	The informal word for one's father or male parent.	My dad works at a large company in the city.
grandparents noun · /ˈgrændˌpɛərənts/	The parents of a person's father or mother.	I always enjoy spending my summer holidays visiting my dear grandparents.
grandchild noun · /ˈgræn.tʃaɪld/	The child of a person's son or daughter.	She was very happy to spend time with her first grandchild.
grandson noun · /ˈgræn.sʌn/	The son of one's son or daughter.	My grandson visited me yesterday to share his latest school news.
granddaughter noun · /ˈgrændˌdɔːtər/	The daughter of one's own son or daughter.	My granddaughter is visiting us for the summer holidays this year.
sibling noun · /ˈsɪblɪŋ/	A person's brother or sister, sharing one or both parents.	My older sibling taught me how to ride a bicycle.
twins noun · /twɪnz/	Two children born from the same pregnancy to the same mother.	The twins were born only two minutes apart from each other.
only child noun phrase · /ˌoʊnli ˈtʃaɪld/	A person who has no brothers or sisters.	Being an only child can sometimes feel lonely during childhood days.
relatives noun · /ˈrel.ə.tɪvz/	People who belong to the same family by blood or marriage.	I invited all my close relatives to the big party.
nephew noun · /ˈnɛfjuː/	The son of a person's brother or sister.	My nephew is visiting us for the summer holidays soon.
niece noun · /niːs/	The daughter of one's brother or sister.	My niece is coming over to visit us today.
toddler noun · /ˈtɒdlər/	A young child who is just learning how to walk independently.	The busy toddler explored every corner of the large room.
spouse noun · /spaʊs/	A person's husband or wife in a legal marriage.	You must bring your spouse to the office dinner tonight.
stepmother noun · /ˈstepˌmʌðər/	The woman who is married to one's father after one's mother.	My kind stepmother always helps me with my difficult math homework.
stepfather noun · /ˈstepˌfɑːðər/	The man who is married to one's mother after her divorce.	My kind stepfather always helps me with my difficult math homework.
stepbrother noun · /ˈstepˌbrʌðər/	The son of your stepparent from a previous marriage or relationship.	My stepbrother and I spent our entire summer playing board games.
stepsister noun · /ˈstepˌsɪstər/	The daughter of one's stepparent from a previous relationship or marriage.	My stepsister and I have been best friends since childhood days.

Rooms & parts of a house

WORD	ENGLISH DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
living room noun · /ˈlɪv.ɪŋ ˌruːm/	A room in a house used for relaxing and entertaining guests.	The family gathered in the living room to watch the movie.
dining room noun · /ˈdaɪnɪŋ ˌrum/	A room in a house used specifically for eating meals together.	We gathered everyone in the dining room for a festive meal.
front door noun · /ˌfrʌnt ˈdɔːr/	The primary entrance door located at the front of a house.	I left my heavy grocery bags by the main front door.
back door noun · /ˌbæk ˈdɔːr/	The door at the back of a house, often leading to the garden.	Please let the dog out through the back door.
upstairs adverb · /ʌpˈsteərz/	To or on a higher floor of a house or building.	She walked slowly upstairs to get ready for the evening party.
downstairs adverb · /ˌdaʊnˈsteərz/	To or on a lower floor of a house or building.	She walked quickly downstairs to answer the loud ringing front door.
backyard noun · /ˈbæk.jɑːrd/	A private area of land located behind a house or building.	The children love playing soccer in our spacious grassy green backyard.
front yard noun · /frʌnt jɑːrd/	The area of ground between the front of a house and street.	The children are playing happily in our large, grassy front yard.
guest room noun · /gest ruːm/	A room in a house specifically intended for visitors to sleep in.	We prepared the cozy guest room for our visiting relatives today.
laundry room noun · /ˈlɔːndri ruːm/	A room in a house designated for washing and drying clothes.	I need to put my dirty clothes in the laundry room.
home office noun · /ˌhoʊm ˈɔːfɪs/	A room or designated area in one's house used for work.	I installed a new desk in my home office for productivity.
driveway noun · /ˈdraɪvweɪ/	A private road leading from a public street to a house.	Park your car on the driveway while we unload the groceries.

Furniture & household items

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clock noun · /klɒk/	A device used to measure and show the current time of day.	The large wall clock in the kitchen shows exactly nine o'clock.
alarm clock noun · /əˈlɑːrm klɑːk/	A clock that makes a loud sound to wake you up.	I set my alarm clock to wake me up at seven.
coffee table noun · /ˈkɒfi ˌteɪbl/	A low table placed in front of a sofa for drinks.	We placed our drinks on the low wooden coffee table today.
bookcase noun · /ˈbʊk.keɪs/	A piece of furniture with shelves used for storing books.	She carefully arranged her collection of novels on the tall bookcase.
mattress noun · /ˈmætrɪs/	A soft pad for lying on, usually placed on a bed frame.	I need to buy a firm mattress for my new wooden bed.
cushion noun · /ˈkʊʃ.ən/	A soft bag filled with material used for comfortable sitting or support.	She placed a soft velvet cushion on the wooden living chair.
nightstand noun · /ˈnaɪtstænd/	A small table kept beside a bed for holding personal items.	I placed my reading glasses on the small wooden nightstand.
dresser noun · /ˈdrɛsər/	A piece of furniture with drawers used for storing clothing items.	I placed my folded shirts inside the top drawer of the dresser.

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washing machine noun · /ˈwɒʃɪŋ məˌʃiːn/	A household appliance used for cleaning clothes with water and soap.	I put all my dirty clothes into the new washing machine.
dryer noun · /ˈdraɪ.ər/	A machine that removes moisture from clothes using heat and air.	Please put the wet clothes into the dryer to finish drying.
trash can noun · /træʃ kæn/	A container used for holding discarded items or waste material.	Please throw the empty soda bottle into the trash can now.
remote control noun · /rɪˌməʊt kənˈtrəʊl/	A handheld device used to operate electronic equipment from a distance.	I searched everywhere but could not find the television remote control.

Daily routine

WORD	ENGLISH DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
wake up phrasal verb · /weɪk ʌp/	To stop sleeping and become awake or cause someone to awaken.	I usually wake up early to exercise before my work.
get up phrasal verb · /get ʌp/	To get out of bed after sleeping.	I usually get up at seven and have a quick breakfast.
take a shower phrase · /teɪk ə ˈʃaʊər/	To wash your body by standing under a spray of water.	I usually like to take a shower before I go to work.
brush your teeth phrase · /brʌʃ jɔːr tiːθ/	To clean your teeth using a toothbrush and toothpaste.	You should always brush your teeth before you go to bed.
get dressed phrasal verb · /get drest/	To put on clothes in preparation for the day or event.	I need to get dressed before the guests arrive for dinner.
have breakfast phrase · /hæv ˈbrekfəst/	To eat the first meal of the day, usually in the morning.	I usually have breakfast with my family before going to school.
get ready phrase · /get ˈredi/	To prepare oneself or something for an upcoming event or activity.	We need to get ready before the guests arrive at seven.
go to work phrase · /gəʊ tu wɜːk/	To travel to the place where you perform your job duties.	Most employees must go to work early every single weekday morning.
go to school phrase · /goʊ tuː skuːl/	To attend an educational institution for the purpose of learning.	Young children must go to school to learn basic academic skills.
come home phrasal verb · /kʌm hoʊm/	To return to one's house or place where one lives regularly.	I usually come home from work around six in the evening.
have dinner phrase · /hæv ˈdɪnər/	To eat the main meal of the day during the evening.	We plan to have dinner at our favorite restaurant tonight instead.
relax verb · /rɪˈlæks/	To become less tense, anxious, or pressured in your daily life.	I like to relax with a good book after my work.
go to bed phrasal verb · /gəʊ tuː bed/	To lie down in a bed for the purpose of sleeping.	I usually go to bed at ten o'clock every single night.
fall asleep phrasal verb · /fɔːl əˈsliːp/	To begin to sleep or enter the state of being asleep.	I often fall asleep while reading books in my comfortable bed.

Chores

WORD	ENGLISH DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
chores noun · /tʃɔːrz/	Routine tasks that need to be done regularly, especially household work.	I have to finish all my household chores before evening.
housework noun · /ˈhaʊswɜːrk/	Regular tasks like cleaning, cooking, and laundry done in a home.	She always listens to music while doing her daily household housework.
do the dishes phrase · /duː ðə ˈdɪʃɪz/	To wash the plates, cutlery, and pans after a meal.	It is your turn to do the dishes after dinner tonight.
make the bed phrase · /meɪk ðə bɛd/	Arrange the sheets and covers neatly after sleeping in a bed.	You should always make the bed before you leave for school.
take out the trash phrasal verb · /teɪk aʊt ðə træʃ/	To carry garbage from inside the house to an outside bin.	Please remember to take out the trash before you leave today.
do the laundry phrase · /duː ðə ˈlɔːndri/	To wash, dry, and fold clothes, linens, or other fabric items.	I need to do the laundry before the weekend starts tomorrow.
clean up phrasal verb · /kliːn ʌp/	To make a place tidy by removing dirt or unwanted items.	You should always clean up the kitchen after cooking dinner tonight.
tidy up phrasal verb · /ˈtaɪdi ʌp/	To put things in order and make a place look clean.	I need to tidy up my room before guests arrive.
set the table phrase · /sɛt ðə ˈteɪ.bəl/	Arrange plates, cutlery, and glasses before eating a meal.	Please help me set the table before the guests arrive tonight.
clear the table phrase · /klɪər ðə ˈteɪbəl/	Remove all dishes, cutlery, and food items after a finished meal.	Please help me clear the table after we finish our dinner.
vacuum verb · /ˈvækjuːm/	To clean floors or carpets with a machine that sucks up dirt.	I vacuum the living room carpet every Saturday morning.
sweep verb · /ˈswip/	To clean a floor or surface using a broom or brush.	Please sweep the kitchen floor after dinner tonight.
mop verb · /ˈmɑp/	To clean a floor with water and a tool that has a long handle.	Please mop the kitchen floor after you sweep it.
dust verb · /ˈdʌst/	To clean furniture by wiping dirt off it with a dry cloth.	I dust the shelves in my bedroom once a week.
wipe verb · /waɪp/	To clean or dry something by rubbing it with a cloth.	Please wipe the dusty table with a clean damp cloth.
scrub verb · /skrʌb/	To clean something by rubbing it hard with a brush.	You must scrub the dirty floor with a hard brush.

Family life

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grow up phrasal verb · /groʊ ʌp/	To develop from a child into an adult person.	I want to be a pilot when I grow up.
raise verb · /ˈɹeɪz/	To take care of a child until they are grown up.	My grandparents raised five children on a small farm.
look after phrasal verb · /lʊk ˈɑːftər/	To take care of someone or something and keep them safe.	She will look after the children while I am away.
take care of phrasal verb · /teɪk keər əv/	To look after someone and give them what they need.	Please take care of the dog while I am away.

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get along phrasal verb · /get əˈlɔːŋ/	To have a harmonious or friendly relationship with other people.	I hope that you and my brother get along well.
take after phrasal verb · /teɪk ˈæftər/	To resemble a parent or relative in character or appearance.	She really takes after her mother in many different ways.
babysit verb · /ˈbeɪ.bi.sɪt/	To look after children while their parents are away from home.	I will babysit the neighbors' kids for a few hours.
adopt verb · /əˈdɑpt/	To legally take another person's child and raise it as your own.	They decided to adopt a child who needed a loving home.