

## Activity 1: Families and numbers up to 50 (CEFR A1)

**Level:**

Pre-Entry Step 2

**Time:**

45 minutes

**Resources:**

- ✓ Handout
- ✓ Freer practice family images
- ✓ Family tree

**Aims:**

- ✓ To develop skills and knowledge in speaking and listening at Pre-Entry Step 2
- ✓ To develop students' ability to talk about family and cardinal numbers
- ✓ To review possessive adjectives and learn the use of apostrophe for possession
- ✓ To practice describing people

**Exam task focus:** All

Procedure	Materials
<p><b>Introduction to describing a family (See script)</b></p> <p>Display picture of 'The Jones Family' and point to the people as you speak and then elicit with questions.</p> <p>Model and drill for whole class to practise the vocabulary. <b>What is his name? What is his wife's name? How old is she? How many children have they got? How many people are there in Richard's family? What is his daughter's name?</b></p> <p>Students now practise in pairs with the stronger students with literacy asking the questions. (Display on board or distribute handout.)</p> <p>Review with some pairs performing for the whole class.</p>	<p>Handout Picture of The Jones Family</p>
<p><b>Grammar focus</b></p> <p>Demonstrate how possessive adjectives work as other languages can be different, eg <i>his = belongs to him</i>. Also point out the possessive <b>'s</b> on the board.</p> <p>X is Richard's oldest son Maria is Richard's wife.</p>	
<p><b>Family vocabulary</b></p> <p>Display a fuller family tree on board or as a hand out. Now teach the full range of common family vocabulary.</p>	<p>Handout of family tree</p>

<p>You can ask students about their own families if you are confident it will not cause distress.</p> <p>Elicit with <b>How many ...have you got?</b> <i>I've got two children. I haven't got any daughters. I've got three sisters etc.</i></p>	
<p><b>Numbers in context</b></p> <p>Review ages of Annie and Caleb and their aunt and uncles. This will give you the stems to practise the numbers which may be new to them. Fifty-one, fifty-two etc.</p> <p><b>Fun quiz</b></p> <p>Cut out from newspapers or bring up on interactive board faces of famous people. You need to know their ages and students must guess.</p> <p>Ask <b>How old is he/she? Higher/lower</b> etc. This can be followed by some quick-fire practice of the numbers just pointing at random numbers from a chart.</p>	<p>Handout of family tree</p>
<p><b>Review with freer practice of pretend families</b></p> <p>Demo whole class with Richard's family with confident students. <b>My name is Richard. This is my wife, and this is my son.</b> The next student says <b>My name is Carlos. This is my mother. She is 38 years old.</b> The next student says <b>This is my husband. This is my sister Rosa. She is 6 years old.</b> The next student says <b>This is my younger brother Daniel.</b></p> <p>Each group has a picture of a family and each student within the group is one of the people in the photo. This gives them the opportunity to use mother, brother, sister etc in context.</p> <p>If time allows, they could join up with another "family" to introduce themselves.</p>	<p>Freer practice family images</p>
<p><b>Cultural issues</b></p> <p>This topic may be rather upsetting for students who are here without their families; for example, because they have had to move here for work. If you have students who are asylum seekers or refugees, great sensitivity is needed as they may well have lost family members or have been separated from them.</p> <p><b>Family vocabulary varies between cultures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point out cousin is only used for the nuclear family, not for anyone who comes from your village.</li> <li>• Similarly, uncle and aunt are not used by adults as a term of address to indicate respect.</li> <li>• You NEVER ask a British person their age unless they are trying to buy age restricted items.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the freer practice, you could choose famous or imaginary families according to the interests of your group.</b></p>	

*Some suggestions.*

**David Beckham** - Wife Victoria with four children. Sons Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz and daughter Harper

**Mo Farah** (the runner) - Wife Tania, Daughter Rhianna, twin girls Amani and Aisha and son Hussain.

**The Simpsons**

## Activity 1: Handout

### The Jones Family



Here is Richard Jones. He is with his family.

Here is his wife. Her name is Maria.

They have got three sons and a daughter. The daughter's name is Rosa.

Carlos is holding Daniel. In this photo he is still a baby.

Carlos is the oldest child.

#### **More words to describe a family**

Husband  
Aunt

Mother (mum)  
Uncle

Father (Dad)  
Cousin

Brother  
Grandfather

Sister  
Grandmother

## Activity 1: Freer Practice Family Pictures Handout



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## Activity 1: Family Trees Handout



**Jerry Smith**  
Age: 61



**Tina Smith**  
Age: 61



**Maria Ruiz**  
Age: 80



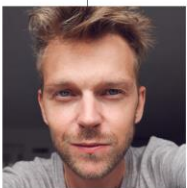
**Daniel Ruiz**  
Age: 82



**Tim Lau**  
Age: 79



**Mary Lau**  
Age: 81



**Mark Smith**  
Age: 33



**Sally Ruiz**  
Age: 38



**Max Ruiz**  
Age: 36



**Laura Lau**  
Age: 32



**Paul Lau**  
Age: 33



**Annie Ruiz**  
Age: 4



**Caleb Lau**  
Age: 2

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