

FAMILY (Big or Small)

A Big Family or A Small Family?



It's the parents who always make the best decisions for their children. One of the most essential decision they have to make is the size of their family. They have to consider whether it is better for their children to grow up in a large family or to grow up in a small family. Though, both have their own advantages and disadvantages with regard to family's finance and child companionship.

The financial condition of a family is tightly related to the size of the family. The living cost of a large family is much higher than the living cost for a small family. As a consequence, children in a large family would have less financial support from their parents. You have to budget the money so that everyone can have enough food and clothes. On a brighter side, a large family has a joyful atmosphere. Children enjoy the company of all the members. And at the end of the day, each has his or her story to share. They all talk about their good experiences, their problems and possible solutions together. It is a lovely place to live in.

Life in a small family can be very fulfilling. The financial costs of maintaining a household are lower compared to a large family. Children in a small family tend to have more educational advantages than children of a large family. Each child receives more love and parental attention, which raises his or her self-esteem.

The size of a family doesn't matter as long as the husband and wife can meet the basic needs (food, health, affection, education, and housing) of their family.

COMPREHENSION CHECK!

1. What is one of the most essential decision that parents have to make?

2. Why do you think a the living cost of a large family is much higher than a small family?

3. What are the basic needs that the husband and wife have to meet for the family?

4. Which can attain higher educational levels, small families or big families? Why?

5. In your opinion, what is a perfect number of children a family should have? Why do you say so?



Activity

I. Complete the following sentences below. Write the appropriate word.

1. If I have a baby girl, she'll be my _____
2. My son calls me _____
3. My mother is my father's _____
4. My father is my mother's _____
5. My father has one sister. She's my _____
6. My mother has one brother. He's my _____
7. My grandfather is married to my _____
8. My grandparents call me their _____
9. My aunt's husband is my _____
10. My sister is married. Her husband is my _____
11. My uncle and aunt's children are my _____
12. My sister's son is my _____ while her daughter is my _____

II. Below are Do's and Don'ts in social media. Tick check (/) if you can/should do it and cross (X) if you can't/shouldn't do it. Read carefully.

V Z N R E H T A F C R
U Y M S N I S U O C A
G R A N D F A T H E R
X U Y D Z F A M I L Y
D L I H C D N A R G D
G R A N D M O T H E R
D S R E T S I S B P L
H V S T N E R A P C F
R D M Y Z C V B V K J
L Q D R M O T H E R L
E G Y Z U W E H P E N

FAMILY

MOTHER

FATHER

NEPHEW

SISTER

GRANDFATHER

GRANDMOTHER

PARENTS

COUSINS

GRANDCHILD