

# Book Four

## Family and Friends



Family and friends are a big part of our lives. Family members are the people we are related to, such as parents, children, brothers, and sisters. Relatives include extended family members like grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Friends are people we are not related to, but we enjoy spending time with and trust. Having good relationships with family and friends makes life happier and easier.

In this lesson, you will learn how to talk about family and friends. You will practice using new words to describe your family members and the relationships between them. You will also learn how to ask and answer questions about family and friends in everyday conversations.

Knowing how to talk about family and friends is helpful in many situations. Whether you are introducing a family member, talking about your childhood, or making new friends, these words will help you communicate clearly. The more you practice, the easier it will be to talk about the important people in your life.

# Vocabulary Definitions

*Spend a little time looking and becoming familiar with the following vocabulary words related to the theme of 'jobs and careers,' with their definitions.*

**Father** – A male parent.

**Mother** – A female parent.

**Brother** – A male sibling.

**Sister** – A female sibling.

**Son** – A male child of parents.

**Daughter** – A female child of parents.

**Grandfather** – The father of your parent.

**Grandmother** – The mother of your parent.

**Baby** – A very young child.

**Grandson** – A son of your child.

**Granddaughter** – A daughter of your child.

**Uncle** – The brother of your father or mother.

**Aunt** – The sister of your father or mother.

**Cousin** – The child of your uncle or aunt.

**Nephew** – The son of your brother or sister.

**Niece** – The daughter of your brother or sister.

**Husband** – A married man.

**Wife** – A married woman.

# Vocabulary



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## Vocabulary Words

Father  
Mother  
Grandfather

Brother  
Sister  
Grandmother

Son  
Daughter  
Baby

# More Vocabulary



## Vocabulary Words

Husband  
Wife  
Nephew

Aunt  
Uncle  
Niece

Cousin  
Grandson  
Granddaughter

# Who Is It?

## Exercise

*Answer each of the following in relation to who they are to you.*

1. *What is your grandfather's daughter?* \_\_\_\_\_
2. *What is your mother's husband?* \_\_\_\_\_
3. *What is your father's son?* \_\_\_\_\_
4. *What is your mother's brother?* \_\_\_\_\_
5. *What is your mother's sister?* \_\_\_\_\_
6. *What is your uncle's son?* \_\_\_\_\_
7. *What is your uncle's father?* \_\_\_\_\_
8. *What is your cousin's father?* \_\_\_\_\_
9. *What is your cousin's mother?* \_\_\_\_\_
10. *What is your father's father?* \_\_\_\_\_
11. *What is your aunt's daughter?* \_\_\_\_\_
12. *What is your grandmother's son?* \_\_\_\_\_
13. *What is your brother's father?* \_\_\_\_\_
14. *What is your uncle's mother?* \_\_\_\_\_
15. *Who is your father's daughter?* \_\_\_\_\_
16. *What is your mother's mother?* \_\_\_\_\_
17. *What is your brother's father?* \_\_\_\_\_
18. *What is your sister's brother?* \_\_\_\_\_

# Practice Exercises

## Exercise

*Circle the part that is wrong with the sentence and rewrite it the correct way.*

1. *My brother is more taller than me.*

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2. *Their son plays soccer every Sundays.*

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3. *Our daughter want to be a doctor.*

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4. *My sister have a beautiful dress.*

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5. *My grandfather is 80 years old but he feel young.*

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6. *The baby cries every nights.*

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7. *My uncle is live in Canada.*

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8. *His nephew don't like vegetables.*

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9. *Her husband go to work very early.*

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# More Practice Exercise

## Exercise

*Rearrange the words to form complete and correct sentences.*

1. kind / daughter / smart / and / very / their / is /

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2. loves / books / my / read / to / sister

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3. has / a / younger / My / brother / pet / dog

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4. tell / grandfather / likes / my / stories / to

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5. is / My / father / very / tall

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6. baby / sleeping / the / peacefully / little / is

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7. grandson / city / in / my / lives / big / a

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8. goes / every / husband / fishing / weekend / my

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9. Uncle / funny / is / Frank / very / my

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# Family Definitions

*Spend a little time looking and becoming familiar with the following vocabulary words related to the theme of 'family and friends,' with their definitions.*

**Family** – A group of people related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

**Relative** – A person in your family.

**Parent** – A father or mother.

**Sibling** – A brother or sister.

**Child / Children** – A young person or persons; a son or daughter.

**Grandparent** – The father or mother of your parent.

**Spouse** – A husband or wife.

**Twin** – One of two children born at the same time to the same parents.

**Ancestor** – A family member from past generations.

***Circle the word that best completes the sentence.***

- 1. A brother or sister is a (parent, grandmother, sibling).*
- 2. My (sibling, grandparent, twin) and I were born on the same day.*
- 3. A (parent, child, sibling) takes care of their son or daughter.*
- 4. She is my (relative, spouse, grandparent) because she is my mother's sister.*
- 5. His (child, ancestor, spouse) lived over 200 years ago.*
- 6. A husband or wife is called a (spouse, sibling, child).*
- 7. My (family, twins, ancestors) always eats dinner together.*
- 8. They have one (ancestor, child, spouse), a little boy named Leo.*



# In-Laws

*In-laws are the family members of your spouse, such as your mother-in-law or brother-in-law. This term refers to relatives gained through marriage, not by blood.*

## Examples

**Mother-in-law** – Your spouse's mother.

**Daughter-in-law** – Your son's wife

**Sister-in-law** – Your sibling's wife or your spouse's sister.

**Brother-in-law** – Your sibling's husband or your spouse's brother.

# Half and Step

*A 'half' is a sibling who shares only one biological parent with you. A 'step' is a family relationship through marriage, not by blood. See examples below.*

## Examples

**Half-brother** – A brother who has the same biological father, but different mother.

**Half-sister** – A sister who shares the same biological parent, father or mother.

**Step-mother** – Your father's wife who is not your (biological) mother.

**Step-brother** – The son of your step-parent, not biologically related to you.

# Ex and Great

*An 'ex' is a former spouse; an ex-husband or ex-wife. A 'great' refers to a family member of an earlier generation; usually grandparents or grandchildren.*

## Examples

**Ex-wife** – A woman who was once married to someone but is now divorced.

**Ex-husband** – A man who was once married to someone but is now divorced.

**Great-grandmother** – the mother of your grandparent.

**Great-grandson** – the son of your grandchild.

**Great great-Grandfather** – A father of your great-grandparents.

# Friends Definitions

*Spend a little time looking and becoming familiar with the following vocabulary words related to the theme of 'family and friends,' with their definitions.*

**Friend** – A person you like and trust.

**Acquaintance** – Someone you know, but not very well.

**Teammate** – A person who is on the same sports or work team as you.

**Roommate** – A person who lives with you in the same house or apartment.

**Neighbor** – A person who lives near you.

**Colleague** – A person you work with.

**Classmate** – A person who is in the same class as you at school.

**Partner** – A person you work or do activities with.

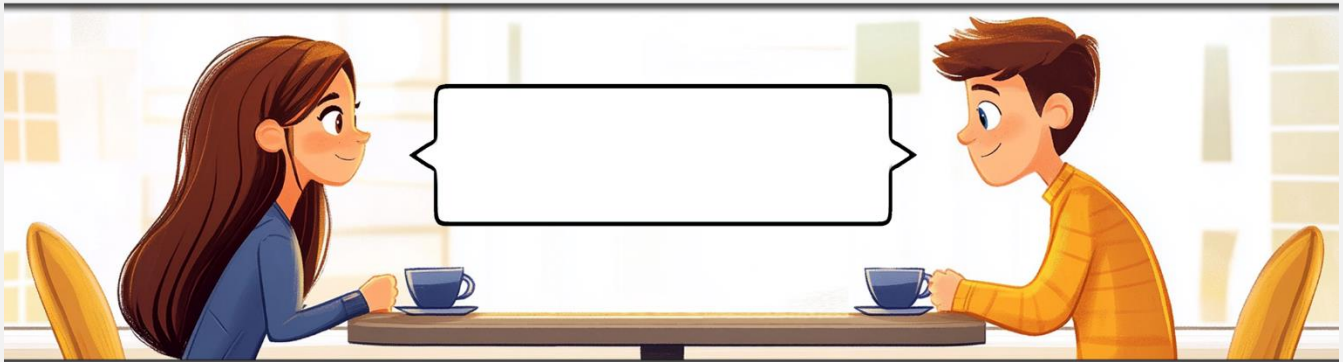
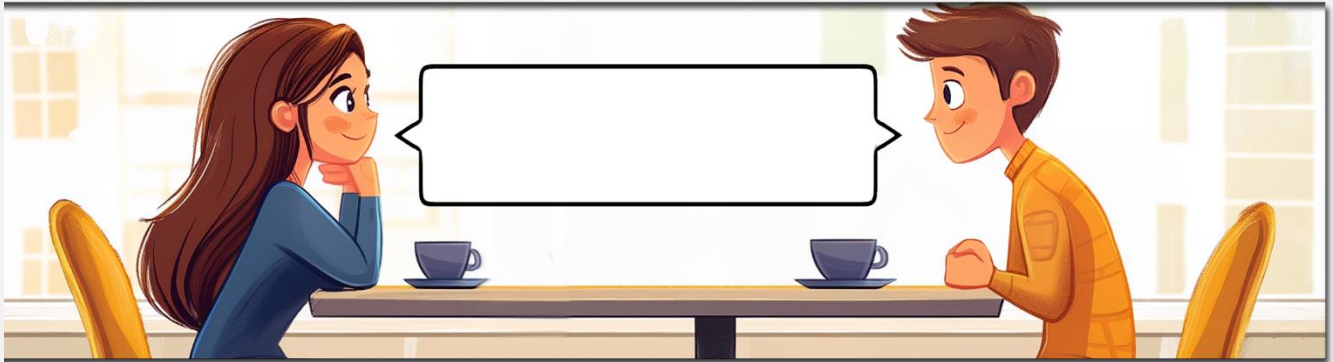
**Boyfriend/Girlfriend** – Someone who is in a romantic relationship with you.

***Circle the word that best completes the sentence.***

- 1. My (teammate, classmate, neighbor) and I play soccer together.*
- 2. We own a business together, so he is my (partner, neighbor, teammate).*
- 3. She has been dating her (boyfriend, teammate, brother) for a year.*
- 4. She is my best (friend, acquaintance, colleague), and we talk every day.*
- 5. My (classmate, acquaintance, friend) sits next to me in school.*
- 6. I don't know him very well; he is just an (acquaintance, teammate, partner).*
- 7. Our new (neighbor, acquaintance, classmate) moved into the house next door.*
- 8. I share an apartment with my (roommate, colleague, partner).*

# Fill in the Dialogue

Write out a short conversation in the pictures below using the following five vocabulary word: friend, roommate, sibling, classmate, girlfriend



# Liam Looks at His Life



Liam sat at the kitchen table, looking through an old family photo album. His father and mother had given it to him as a gift, and each picture told a story about his relatives. He smiled as he saw a childhood picture of himself and his sibling, his brother Jack, both covered in mud after playing outside. His sister Emma had taken the photo and had laughed at them all afternoon.

In another picture, Liam saw his grandfather and grandmother sitting on the front porch, holding his son as a baby. They had always been loving grandparents, sharing stories about their lives and their own ancestors. He turned the page and found a picture of his uncle and aunt at a family picnic, laughing with their cousins. He remembered playing soccer with his nephew and niece that day, running across the grass until they were too tired to move.

Liam's thoughts drifted to the people in his life now. His wife Sarah was busy in the living room, helping their daughter with homework. His neighbor had stopped by earlier to borrow some sugar, and his old classmate had sent him a message, asking about a school reunion that was coming up in a few weeks. At work, he had a great colleague who always supported him, and he enjoyed spending time with his business partner. He also had a reliable teammate in his weekend soccer games. His roommate from college was still one of his best friends, and he had recently met a new acquaintance at the gym who seemed very friendly. Liam felt thankful for the relationships in his life, from his loving spouse to his childhood friends, and all the people he had met along the way. His family, friends, and social connections all made life richer and fuller, and he was grateful for each one.

# Questions

## **Answer the following**

1. What was Liam looking at in the kitchen?
2. What was Liam and his brother covered in?
3. Who took the picture of Liam and Jack?
4. What did Liam's grandparents share stories about?
5. Who were laughing at the family picnic?
6. What sport did Liam play with his nephew and niece?
7. Who asked Liam about a school reunion?
8. Who supported Liam at work?
9. What sport did Liam play on the weekends?

## **True or False**

10. Liam's brother gave him a photo album. (True / False)
11. Liam's grandparents were sitting inside the house. (True / False)
12. Liam's wife was helping their son with homework. (True / False)
13. Liam's neighbor borrowed some sugar. (True / False)
14. Liam's classmate invited him to a wedding. (True / False)
15. Liam met a new acquaintance at the gym. (True / False)

# Icebreakers

Tell about a childhood best friend, or an old best friend you used to have.

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*Tell about a funny or scary memory you share with a family member or friend?*

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*Additional Questions: What is the best piece of advice a relative has given you? Share a memory you had of doing something crazy with friends. What is a family tradition or holiday celebration that you love the most and why? Share one of your earliest childhood memories.*

# Common Phrases

*Practice speaking by saying the following common phrases out loud.*

He's / She's my best friend?

I have a big / small family.

I have to ask my dad first.

My parents won't let me.

We do everything together?

I'm going to go and hang out with my friends.

I'm going to hang out with my family tonight.

We grew up together.

She is a childhood friend.

We have been friends for ten years.

She is like a sister / mother to me.

He's / She's like part of the family.

We get along great.

My uncle lives in New York.

I can always count on Charlie.

I'm going to cousin's house.

I have to call my mom back.

I met this guy / girl.

We met in class.

I made a new friend at school.

We've been friends forever / since the third grade.

I talk to / visit my grandparents every week.

# Tongue Twisters

*Practice speaking by saying the following tongue-twisters out loud.*

Grandpa's grand garden grows green grapes greatly.

Silly siblings swiftly share sweet snacks on Sundays.

Five friendly fathers found fresh fish for Friday.

Aunt Alice and Uncle Andy always argue about apples.

Tim's twin takes ten tiny toy trains to town.

Grandma's grandson grows good green grapes in gardens.

Cousin Carl quickly called kind classmates to come.

Polite parents patiently play piano pieces perfectly.

Friendly friends frequently find fun family festivals.

Brother Bob brings blue balloons to baby Billy.

Sophie's smart sister sells six silver spoons swiftly.

Teammate Tom tells tales to twenty tiny toddlers.

Wendy's wonderful wife whisks warm waffles with walnuts.

Four funny fathers found forty fresh figs.

Neighbor Nancy neatly knits nine navy napkins.

Charming children chase cheerful chubby chipmunks cheerfully.

Silly sons swiftly sail south searching for sunny shores.

Classmate Clara claps clumsily counting colorful cotton candy.

Gabby's generous grandfather gives great green gift grapes.

Little Lisa's lovely little nieces like lemonade.

Cousin Katie's clever cat climbed carefully across cold concrete.

Frank's friends found fresh fruit for family feasts.



# Practice Role Play

*Pair up with a classmate and take turns practicing the skit below. Once you have finished, switch roles so that each person gets a chance to practice both parts. Repeat the skit a second time to improve your fluency and expression.*

Person 1: Hey! It's been a while. How's your family?

Person 2: They're doing well, thanks! My father just retired, and he's enjoying his time at home.

Person 1: That's great! Do you have any siblings?

Person 2: Yes, I have a brother and a sister. My sister just had a baby, so now I'm an uncle!

Person 1: Congratulations! How does it feel?

Person 2: Feels great. And how's your family? You have a brother, right?

Person 1: Good memory! Yes, he's doing good. He lives up the road from me.

Person 2: That cool! Are you married?

Person 1: Yes, my wife and I have two children. They keep us busy!

Person 2: I can imagine! My twin nephews are always full of energy.

Person 1: Do you still see any of the old classmates?

Person 2: Yes, I hang out with Joe sometimes. We play on a league together.

Person 1: Cool! I just bumped into Amy Jones the other week.

Person 2: What a small world!

Person 1: So, how are things going with your girlfriend. Are you guys still seeing each other?

Person 2: Yes, it's been two years now. We're talking about taking the big step.

Person 1: Congrats. Hey, let's plan a day to get together and hang out sometime.

Person 2: Sounds perfect!

# Describe the Picture

*Carefully observe the picture. What is happening in the image? Use your imagination to describe what you see, or what you think might be the story behind the picture.*



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# What am I?

*Each topic gives a list of five clues. The clues provide you with hints about the thing that is being described. Carefully read through the list of clues that are given and then try to guess what it is.*

Clue 1. I need a lot of assistance.

Clue 2. People often smile when they see me.

Clue 3. I am often the center of attention.

Clue 4. I may keep people awake at night.

Clue 5. I drink lots of special milk.

I am a \_\_\_\_\_!

Clue 1. I am a friend.

Clue 2. I can be someone's fiancé before marriage.

Clue 3. I can give flowers or chocolates to my loved one.

Clue 4. You may spend Valentine's Day with me.

Clue 5. I am a man in a romantic relationship.

I am a \_\_\_\_\_!

Clue 1. I am part of a rare phenomenon that occurs before birth.

Clue 2. I am part of a pair.

Clue 3. People often confuse me with someone else.

Clue 3. I share a birthday.

Clue 5. I may or may not be identical.

I am a \_\_\_\_\_!

# Learning Idioms



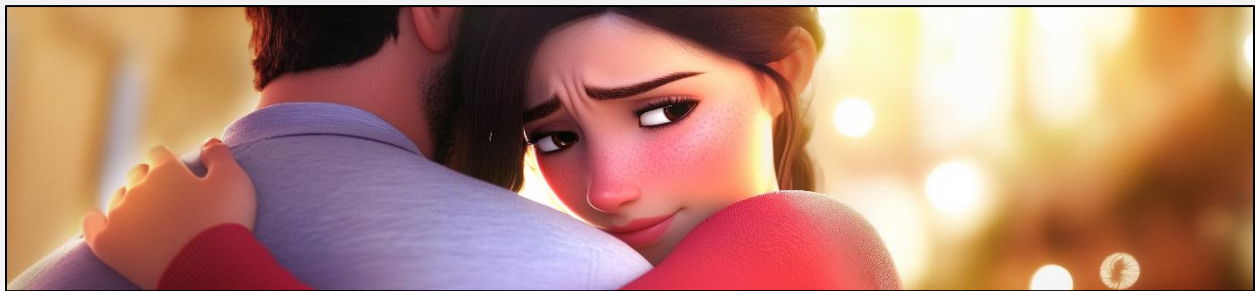
“Like father, like son.”

Meaning: A son often behaves like his father.



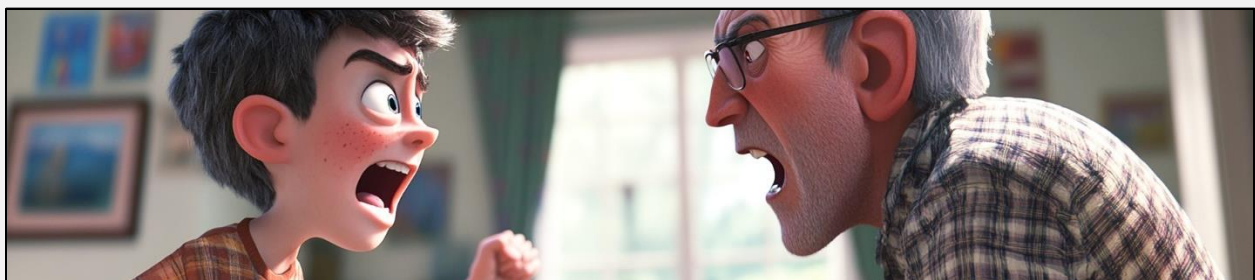
That girl is the “spitting image” of her mother.

Meaning: Someone looks exactly like a relative.



If you need “a shoulder to cry on,” I’m here.

Meaning: A friend who listens and gives emotional support.



Jack was always the “black sheep” of the family.

Meaning: A family member who is got into more trouble than the rest.

# More Idioms

*Each topic gives a list of five clues. The clues provide you with hints about the thing that is being described. Carefully read through the list of clues that are given and then try to guess what it is.*

**1. Athletic ability “runs in the family.”**

Meaning: A trait or skill is common among family members.

**2. Our family has strong “family ties.”**

Meaning: Strong connections between family members.

**3. George always puts his family first. He’s a real “family man.”**

Meaning: A man who is devoted to his family.

**4. Jeff just “broke up” with his girlfriend.**

Meaning: To end a romantic relationship.

**5. You can always come to me. We’re “flesh and blood.”**

Meaning: A direct family member.

**6. I just met this girl and we really “hit it off.”**

Meaning: To become friends or start a relationship quickly.

**7. Me and Joe, we “go back a long way.”**

Meaning: To have known someone for a long time.

**8. She told him! Now we know “who wears the pants in the family.”**

Meaning: The person who makes decisions in a relationship or family.

**9. Are you “on good terms” with the president of the company?**

Meaning: To have a good relationship with someone.

# Translation

*Carefully read the paragraph below and take note of any words or phrases that are unfamiliar to you, then rewrite the entire paragraph in your native language, choosing the best words to translate the paragraph.*



## **A Home Full of Love and Laughter**

Maria sat in the living room with her family, laughing as her grandmother told a funny story from her childhood. Her parents were preparing dinner in the kitchen, while her brother and sister played a board game at the table. Later, her uncle, aunt, and cousins would come over for a big family meal. Maria was excited because her friend Emma was also coming. They had been friends since they were kids. Even though they were not relatives, Emma was like part of the family. As the doorbell rang, Maria ran to open the door, happy to spend time with the people she loved.

## **Translation**

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# Match the Picture

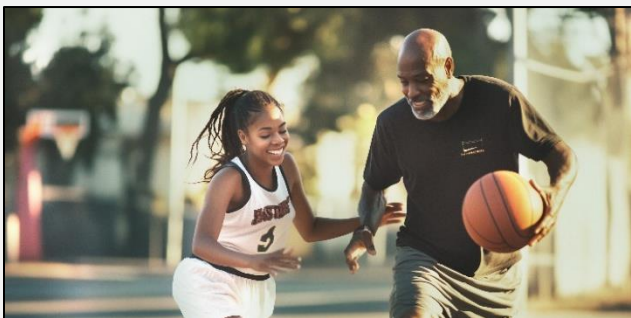
*Below are five descriptions of things related to family and friends. Read the description closely, then draw a line from the description to the picture that es that description.*



She stands with a gentle smile, holding a small bundle in her arms. The tiny hands peek out from the thick soft sweater as she rocks back and forth. She looks down lovingly, humming softly while the little one rests peacefully.



A tall man and a young girl move across the court, a ball bouncing between them. He smiles as she dribbles, her face full of focus. Laughter fills the air as they take turns passing and shooting toward the hoop.



A group walks along a dirt path, surrounded by tall trees. Some stop to look around while others keep moving forward. They smile and talk as they enjoy the fresh air and the sounds of birds chirping in the distance.



Two people sit close together in a dark room, watching a screen in front of them. A large container sits between them, and they take turns reaching inside for a snack. They smile and whisper to each other as they enjoy their time together.

# Circle the Sentence

*First, look at the picture. Second, read the three sentences below the picture to see which one best matches. Third, circle the sentence that best matches the image.*



The family is riding their bikes.  
The dog is riding the bicycle.  
The man is running on the road.



The mother is reading a good book.  
The father and daughter are camping.  
The girl is looking at her phone.



The father and son are eating dinner.  
The boy is playing with the dog.  
The father and son are playing games.



The family wore matching clothes.  
The family is playing sports.  
The family is eating dinner together.



The family is working in the office.  
The family is praying over their meal.  
The cat is eating at the table.



The guy and girls are eating.  
The boys are studying for a test.  
The group of friends are hanging out.



