**Topic: Parents and adolescents. Date 20/03/2020**

**Group: 81**

**Task 1.** Match.

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| 1) My grandmother’s husband is | a) my sister too |
| 2) My mother’s grandmother is | b) my uncle |
| 3) My brother’s sister is | c) my great grandmother |
| 4) My daughter’s son is | d) my cousin |
| 5) My aunt and uncle’s daughter is | e) my niece |
| 6) My cousins’ father is | f) my mother-in-law |
| 7) My wife’s mother is | g) my grandfather |
| 8) My daughter’s brother is | h) my grandson |
| 9) My brother’s daughter is | i) me, of course |
| 10) My parents’ only child is | j) my son |

**Task 2**. Match the words and their definitions. Then listen to the text and check.

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| 1) divorce | a) bringing up and educating |
| 2) a huge rise | b) here, to provide with a home and the necessities of life |
| 3) to support | c) is the person who earns the most money in their family |
| 4) here, to provide with a home and the necessities of life | d) is the person who is paid to look after young children while their parents are at work |
| 5) raising | e) places equipped for looking after very young children |
| 6) breadwinne | f) when a marriage ends and the former husband and wife separate from one another |
| 7) nurseries | g) socializing, living together with, joining |
| 8) childminder | h) managing, doing what is necessary to achieve the result you want |
| 9) dealing with | i) a very big increase / growth (opposite to fall / decrease / decline) |
| 10) mixing with | j) special institutions whose job is to look after child ren while parents are working |

**Task 3.** Read and translate the text, answer the question. Do Ukrainian families face similar problems?

MODERN BRITISH FAMILIES

Father leaves for work in the morning after breakfast. The two children take the bus to school, and mother stays at home cooking and cleaning until father and the kids return home in the evening. This is the traditional picture of a happy family living in Britain. But is it true today? The answer is — no! The past 20 years have seen enormous changes in the lives and structures of families in Britain, and the traditional model is no longer true in many cases. The biggest change has been caused by divorce. As many as 2 out of 3 marriages now end in divorce, leading to a situation where many children live with one parent and only see the other at weekends or holidays. There has also been a huge rise in the number of mothers who work. The large rise in divorces has meant many women need to work to support themselves and their children. Even when there is no divorce, many families need both parents to work in order to survive. This has caused an increase in childcare facilities, though they are very expensive and can be difficult to find in many areas. In addition, women are no longer happy to stay at home raising children, and many have careers earning as much as or even more than men, the traditional breadwinners. There has also been a sharp increase in the number of single mothers, particularly among teenagers. Many of their children grow up never knowing their fathers, and some people feel the lack of a male role model has a damaging effect on their lives. However, these changes have not had a totally negative effect. For women, it is now much easier to have a career and good salary. Although it is difficult to be a working mother, it has become normal and it’s no longer seen as a bad thing for the children. As for children themselves, some argue that modern children grow up to be more independent and mature than in the past. From an early age they have to go to childminders or nurseries, and so they are used to dealing with strangers and mixing with other children. So while the traditional model of a family may no longer be true in modern Britain, the modern family continues to raise happy, successful children.

**Topic: Successful Family. Date 20/03/2020**

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**Task 1.** Read the sentences and guess the meaning of the words in italic. Write down new words and learn.

I felt really embarrassed when I couldn’t remember her name *off the top* of my head.

If you want to *get ahead* in life, you have to set clear goals.

Many young married couples don’t *realize* how challenging raising children can be until they have children of their own.

I can’t *recall* a time when my parents argued in front of me and my brothers. When people *focus* too much on their careers, they sometimes neglect their family’s needs.

Watching too much TV can be a big *distraction* from building a good relationship with children.

My dad never thought I would *make something of myself* because I didn’t graduate from a prestigious university, but I proved him wrong.

**Task 2.** Read the text and do the test below.

A HIKING FAMILY

My name’s Kevin Finer, and I’m originally from the state of Indiana in the United States. When I was 19 years old, I moved to Venezuela in South America, and later returned to the United States, where I attended Brigham Young University in the 1980s. I majored in Spanish education and TESOL, or teaching English as a second language. After graduating from college, my wife and I moved to Japan where we lived for eight years. Now, I work back in the States in Utah. However, my greatest interests are my family. Years ago, I wanted to make something of myself in my profession… you know… get ahead in life.

However, I realized that the most important things in life lived within the walls of my own home, and today, I try to put them first. My kids wouldn’t remember me for the work I did outside of the home; they would only recall the moments we spent together. Therefore, I enjoy spending time with my family. I have four children, and we go hiking and camping together, usually in Utah. On our hikes, we often talk about life, and I tell stories or share personal experiences. When I do this, I can focus on the kids without the distractions of video games or the Internet. Telling stories sounds easy, but when you have to think of a new story on a hot, 12-kilometer hike through the desert, you have come up with ideas off the top of your head. Now, this doesn’t mean we don’t have problems; all families face challenges in their lives, and our family is no exception. However, we try to talk openly about our problems, and we try to solve our problems together. Building a strong family takes time, but it is worth the effort.

1) Where did Kevin probably grow up?

a) in Indiana

b) in Venezuela

c) in Utah

2) What was his undergraduate major?

a) English

b) Spanish

c) Japanese

3) How many children does he have?

a) two

b) three

c) four

4) What does Kevin do on his hikes with his children?

a) He points out the wildlife and plants along the way.

b) He enjoys telling them stories about his life.

c) He teaches them how to survive in emergency situations.

5) What point does Kevin make about raising children?

a) Enroll kids into schools early to help them learn better.

b) Be consistent in the way you administer discipline in the home.

c) Talk with your kids about problems so they learn how to solve them.

Task 3. Match.

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| 1) Unfortunately, I can’t remember all of my grandchildren’s names… | a) make something |
| 2) His uncle tried to … of himself by going back to school and getting a university degree | b) realize |
| 3) I often … many fond memories of celebrating Christmas together as a family | c) focusing |
| 4) Instead of … our energies on our careers, we should dedicate our lives to our families | d) off the top of my head |
| 5) We often don’t … how important it is to spend time with children until it is too late | e) recall |