Otázka: Family and Relationship

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In the context of human society, a family (from Latin: familia) is a group of people connected either(buď) by blood (by recognized birth), affinity(blízký vztah) (by marriage or any other relationship like siblings families etc..) or some combination of these.

Family in the past

- head of family were only men, they decided everything
- almost all women worked in house, looked after children…; men earned money
- only men worked in high positions, like politics, officials; there were some exceptions
- average women have normally more than 5 children but only 2 or 3 survived into adulthood because of high mortality; there were 1 exception: at the beginning of 20th century more children survived because of improvement living standards, hygiene and health care
- all of housework had to be doing by hand (=manually)
- the oldest son inherit everything (house, fields, trade…) but he had to take care of parents and paid off his siblings(sourozenci)
- families in the past spent time more together

Family in the present

- men is consider as the head of family but today men and equal rights, so, they decide together → more democratic system of families (but not always)

- women get personal, economic and social independent
- men and women usually work and earn money but mainly women do housework, like cooking, vacuuming, cleaning, ironing and others but there are electric equipment to help
- typical family usually has from 1 to 3 children (2 children is the most common)
- not only men work in high positions but there is only a low percentage of women
- every child must inherit something according to the law
- children often leave their parents in retirement homes
- everyone has computer or watches TV, the members of family spend time everybody alone

Types of family

Nuclear family: Members of the immediate family include spouses(manžel/ka), parents, brothers, sisters, sons, and/or daughters. They are connected by blood.

Extended family: Members of the extended family may include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, and/or siblings-in-law. Sometimes these are also considered members of the immediate family, depending on an individual's specific relationship with them. They are connected by blood.

Blended family: more often called stepfamily, It describes families with mixed parents: one or both parents remarried, bringing children of the former family into the new family.

Single-parent family: In this family only one of parents look after children.It can be caused by death of one parent, parents get divorced and one get children or when some woman has a baby but she live without husband.

Monogamous family X Polygamous family:

Monogamous family means that a person must not have several different legal spouses at the same time, as this is usually prohibited by bigamy laws, in jurisdictions that require monogamous marriages.

On the other hand, polygamous family is a marriage that includes more than two partners. When a man is married to more than one wife at a time, the relationship is called polygyny; and

when a woman is married to more than one husband at a time, it is called polyandry. If a marriage includes multiple husbands and wives, it can be called polyamory, group or conjoint marriage.

Generation gap (generační mezera)

A generation gap or generational gap, is a difference of opinions between one generation and another regarding beliefs, politics, or values. In today's usage, „generation gap" often refers to a perceived gap between younger people and their parents and/or grandparents. Each generation develops new slang. There are differences regarding communication, clothing style, behaviour, etc.

Young people: active, want things chenge, without any experience of life, live free, try some new thing, more egoistic

Elder people: want calmness, current system (no changes), experienced, more afraid of different things, more stressed, more altruistic

Elder people (parents) say that young people (their children) are spoiled that in the past it was everything better that when they (parents) were young they were more well-behaved, etc. This phenomenon is constantly repeated.

Marrige

You must yourselves make disicion if you want to marry sb. People get married because they love each other, want to establish family, want property,

+ support partners (your partner can encourage you), you can rely on your spouse, have children, raise children, help with solve problems, spouses may represent in common affairs(záležitosti), when your partner died you inherit after him/her

– you must ristrict(omezit) yourself, make decision together with your partner, Uncertainty(nejistota) about whether you really chose well, responsibility for someone, it is not so easy to break

Divorce

When you change your mind and now you don't want to be in marriage with your current partner you have to divorce. Reasons for divorce are different: you love someone else, you started hate each other, your partner has problems with debts, drugs, alkohol and you don't want to solve it. You will be divorced by court and it normally takes much time (in many cases).

+ you will be single again, own decision, responsibility only for yourself

– problems with possetion, children, alimory(alimenty), solve problems alone, none support of partner, you can start drink alcohol or take drugs

Cohabitation

Cohabitation is an arrangement where two people who are not married live together.

Such arrangements have become increasingly common in Western countries during the past few decades, being led by changing social views, especially regarding marriage, gender roles and religion. They often involve a romantic relationship and/or sexually intimate relationship on a long-term or permanent basis.

More broadly, the term cohabitation can mean any number of people living together. To „cohabit(žít společně)", in a broad sense, means to „coexist(žít vedle sebe)".

+ no need to arrange formalities, it saves money, live in one house: they mustn't commute and they spend more time together, it is very easy to break up (no problem with property, when they will children but they break up, partner without children haven't pay alimory

– frequent infidelity, you won't be inform about health condition your partner in hospital, higher probability of breakup, when they will children but they break up, partner without children haven't pay alimory

My family

My family consists of six people. There's my aunt whose name is Iveta, my cousin whose name is Zuzana, my brother Filip, grandparents Marie and Milan and of course, me. I have quite a large extended family as well but only the six of us I consider the nuclear family. My aund is fourty-four years old. She works as a female shop assistant in a trade with shoes. She is small and fleshy, has got short brown highlighted hair and blue eyes. My aunt is keen to read books very much as well as listen to music and rest on a sofa.

Now I'll describe my cousin and my brother. My cousin is twenty-one and she studies in the Charles University. She is tall and slim, has long light-brown hair and green eyes. She is into reading books and travelling too, so whenever she is able to she visits some interesting places . But since she has studied at the University she hasn't had enough time. My brother is sixteen. He is slim and has short brown hair and blue eyes. He also attends high school. He is interested in computer games and watching TV. He also spends a lot of time with his friends.

My grandparents live only 4 kilometre far, so I very often visit them. Grandparents are in pretty good health even at the age of seventy-one and seventy-three, so they still live in their own flat. I enjoy spending time with them when I can. My grandma(71) likes reading books and gardening. On the second hand grandpa likes watching TV and repairing damaged things. I also have several other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

My aunt has assigned me certain duties around the house. I don't mind helping out because everyone in a family should contribute in some way. I help with the gardening, the vacuuming and the shopping. Of course I also have to help keep my room tidy as well.

And I forgot we have a black dog Sára. She is a little bit dumb but we love her.

Family gatherings

Events: weddings, X-mas, birthday parties, anniversary of sth, dinner at the weekend

During X-mas family has chrismas dinner and than all member of family start unpack presents.

When some member of family has birthday the rest of family give him/her present, he/she get birthday cake.

Family celebrations are important events that you remember all your life. You can spend them in a really unforgettable place.

My future family

I would like to get married one day. I'd like to have 2 children (girl and boy). As for me it is good have some pet, so we would have some dog. My wife, children and I would live in a some village but nearby town (city). We would live in a big house with big garden. We would go camping every year and would go to sea every 2 years in summer. And in winter we would ski every year in Šumava mountains but when children would be older we could try Alps.