

Chapter 2 Your Family

Section 2.1 Family Characteristics



English Language Arts

Family Structures

NCTE 12 Apply strategies to interpret texts.

Directions Match each individual or group of people to the type of family structure they belong to by writing the letter of the family structure in the space provided. Use each letter only once.

- a. Nuclear Family
- b. Single-parent family
- c. Blended family
- d. Adoptive family
- e. Foster family
- f. Extended family

- f 1. Steve and Hilda live with their four children, Steve's brother and his son, and Hilda's mother. Steve and Hilda work full time, while the children and household chores are taken care of by the uncle and grandmother.
- _____ 2. Victoria currently has two children living with her, a five-month-old girl and a five-year-old boy. In the past, she has had up to three children who stay with her until they find adoptive families or they can be returned to their biological families. Victoria prides herself on providing excellent care for these children until they find permanent homes.
- _____ 3. Herb and Tabitha have two children. Herb works full time and Tabitha works part time. Herb and Tabitha spend time with their kids every weekend, but once a month they pay a babysitter so they can spend time alone together.
- _____ 4. Daniel and Marta are Australian, and their daughter Nora is Chinese. For the first six months of her life, Nora lived with a foster family. Currently, Daniel and Marta are in the process of waiting for a second child to add to their growing family.
- _____ 5. Miu-Li is raising her son by herself. Miu-Li works full-time and does all the household chores. Miu-Li loves to spend time with her son, and often takes him to visit his grandparents, aunts, and cousins.
- _____ 6. Baxter lives with his mother, younger brother, stepfather, and his stepfather's twin girls. Their house can get loud and crowded, but Baxter enjoys having lots of people around and getting to know his stepfather better.