

FAMILY

Discuss traditional attitudes towards marriage. Are these attitudes changing?

“A large traditional wedding is an unnecessary expense.” How far do you agree with this statement?

Many Asian families organise “arranged marriages” for their children. Do you agree with this practice?

How do you express your congratulations? How do you express your condolences?

Men cannot cook or sew. Is this true? Since the early 1960's, many women – “feminists” – have campaigned for greater opportunities within what they see as a “male-dominated society”. Do they have a point?

A lot of things change with arrival of the first / a new baby. Discuss life immediately before and after its arrival, the roles of the parents and possible problems. What are the advantages and drawbacks of grandparents' help?

Bullying at school – how can this problem be tackled? “Peer pressure” – discuss this term and its implication for teenagers.

How do role models, e.g. rock stars, affect teenagers?

Abortion – “It is the woman's right to choose”. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

What are the most common causes of divorce?

What disadvantages do children brought up in orphanages suffer from in society? Is adoption common in your country? Why or why not?

In Britain, elderly members of the family are often put into “old folks' homes” or “nursing homes”, where they see only nurses and other old people and are seldom visited by relatives. Is this fashion likely to develop in your country?