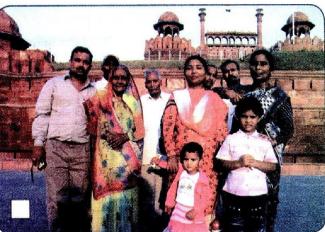
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Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

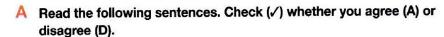
- Match these terms with the photos above. What does each term mean?
 a extended family b childfree couple c nuclear family d single-parent family
- 2 Is it common in your country for several generations of a family to live together in the same home? Why, or why not?
- 3 Are people in your country having more or fewer children these days? Why?

UNIT 9

CHAPTER 1 Is an Only Child a Lonely Child?

Before You Read

Family Options



		A	D
1	Children should grow up close to their grandparents.		
2	It is too expensive to raise children nowadays.		
3	A married couple should have children.		
4	It is better to grow up with many brothers and sisters.		
5	A single parent family is not good for the child.		
6	Mothers are better at caring for children than fathers.		
7	It is possible for a family to be too big.		
8	The pressures of modern life are making families smaller.		



B Discuss your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Recognizing Facts and Opinions

A fact is something that can be proven true. An opinion is what the writer believes to be true. This is usually signaled by in my opinion, believe, think, might, may, probably, should, etc. Knowing the difference between facts and opinions is important when doing any kind of research.

A Scan the passage on the next page for the following information. Check (/) whether each statement is a fact (F) or an opinion (O).

		F	0
1	An only child does not have brothers or sisters to play with.		
2	An only child gets lonely when the parents are working.		
3	An only child doesn't learn to negotiate with others.		
4	The number of one-child families is increasing in Asia.		
5	There are fewer family arguments with just one child.		
6	What is appropriate for one family may not be appropriate for another.		

- B <u>Underline</u> the words in the passage that helped you decide your answer. Discuss your answers with a partner.
- C Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 151.

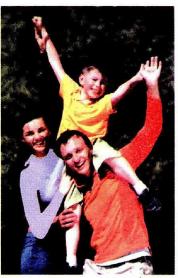
Modern Family Magazine Is An Only Child a Lonely Child?



This month in *Modern Family*, child psychologist Dr. Ethan Stephens answers a question from Andrea Gonzales, who writes:

Dear Dr. Stephens,

My husband and I are facing a dilemma, namely, the issue of whether to have a second child. We already have one healthy, happy five-year-old son. Both of us have demanding jobs and limited time and financial resources, but we also want to make sure that our only child does not become a lonely child. What are the pros and cons of having a second child?



Dear Andrea.

This is one of the most difficult issues that parents nowadays face. As you point out, a concern that is often heard with regard to only children is whether one child necessarily means a lonely child. Many parents feel a **stigma** associated with their decision to have only one child, fearing they are seen as thinking only about themselves as opposed to about their child's well-being. There are no other children in the family for the child to associate with, which may lead to the child feeling lonely. especially if both parents are working.

- 20 Another common argument against having just one child is that an only child may be more spoiled than one with siblings. Many people believe that a single child will not have learned to **negotiate** with others or respect the give-and-take involved in many relationships. Some think this may leave the child less capable of interacting well with people his or her own age than one who has been raised with siblings.
- Your son is not alone in being an only child. There's an increasing trend for choosing to have only one child for the very same reasons you listed. In South Korea, for example,



the percentage of families with only one child is higher than ever. This follows a general trend in Asia where in many countries—including Japan, China, Singapore, and Thailand—couples are having on average fewer than two children.



Advocates of single-child families argue that there 30 are advantages for the child as well as the parents. With just one child, they suggest, there is less potential for family arguments arising from sibling jealousy or parents favoring one child over the other(s). Moreover, with only one child, the parents can afford to give more quality time and attention. This often leads to increased **self-esteem**, which, combined with increased independence, can lead to the child being more confident. There are a number

of ways that parents can help to ensure that their only child doesn't get lonely. Here are some suggestions for parenting an only child:

- Let them be social. Children need friends their age and playing in a group encourages skills like sharing, teamwork, and patience. Find ways for your child to socialize, such as play groups, sports, or summer camp.
- Welcome challenges. Only children learn to do many things for themselves, though they will need your help for some things. Encourage your child to challenge himself by solving problems independently.
 - Alone time is okay, too. As much as you want to help your child interact well with
 others, don't worry too much about a child who is **content** to keep to himself. Time
 spent alone contributes to personality development and decision-making skills.

Unfortunately, Andrea, there is no simple answer to the question of whether or not to have a second child. The **circumstances** affecting each set of parents are unique; I always believe what is appropriate for one family may not be for another. The important thing, in the end, is to make a decision that both you and your husband feel confident about.

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A Choose the correct answer for the following questions.

- 1 What is Ethan Stephens' main job?
 - a He studies the way children behave and think.
 - **b** He treats sick children at the hospital.
 - c He writes for Modern Family magazine.
- 2 Parents with an only child feel they are seen as ____
 - a selfish for not giving their child a sibling
 - **b** selfish for spending too much time at work
 - c sad for being unable to have another child
- 3 Why does Dr. Stephens talk about family trends in Asia?
 - a to convince Andrea that she should stick with just one child
 - b to give examples of countries that Andrea and her husband can move to
 - c to show that Andrea and her husband are not alone in making this choice
- 4 Spending time alone can have a positive effect on a child's ...
 - a negotiation skills
- **b** personality
- c ability to share
- 5 Which is NOT mentioned as an advantage of being an only child?
 - a They are usually more independent.
 - **b** They are usually more intelligent.
 - **c** They are in a less stressful family environment.

B Read the following sentences. Check (/) whether they are true (T) or false (F).

		Т	F
1	Andrea is worried because her son is not happy.		
2	Children with siblings are usually more willing to share things.	ri Pabania A Pauli	
3	An only child should spend time with other children around the same age.		
4	Parents should be worried if a child likes to be alone.		
5	Dr. Stephens suggests that Andrea not have another child.		

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 If you were Andrea, what would you choose to do? Why?
- 2 What problems may some of the countries Dr. Stephens discusses face if couples continue to only have one child? What can governments do to adjust to this trend?

Reading Comprehension Check Your Understanding



Vocabulary Comprehension

Odd Word Out

- A Circle the word or phrase that does not belong in each group. The words in blue are from the reading.
 - solution problem difficulty dilemma disgrace respect shame stigma enemy advocate believer supporter insist cooperate negotiate discuss jealous satisfied content pleased tour travel trip 6 circumstances selfishness self-confidence self-worth self-esteem sibling brother sister veteran
- B Complete the letter below using the words in blue from A. You might have to change the form of the word.

Dear Dr. Stephens,	
I read with interest your reply to Andrea Gonzales about whether or not she and her husband should have another child. I am facing a similar (1) related to having children: my fiancé wants us to start a family after we are married, but I don't.	
I realize that every couple encounters different (2) in their marriage, but this is one thing I am not willing to (3) I don't want to be a mother. My main reason for not wanting to be a parent is that I am a 28-year-old woman who has a demanding job which I love. I am (4) with my decision to focus on my career rather than have children. To add the responsibilities of children to my already busy life would be unfair to myself and to the children.	
Unfortunately, my fiancé does not feel the same way (he comes from a large family and has many (5)), nor, to my surprise, do many of my female friends. You can't imagine the (6) attached to a woman who says she doesn't want children.	n
Honestly, some people are such firm (7) of having children, they look at me like I'm a monster! I must admit my (8) has suffered terribly in the past few months, and sometimes wonder if I am making the right decision. If I choose no to have children, I know, too, that my fiancé will probably not want to get married. What should I do? Mariah Miami, Florida	t

A Look at how compound nouns are formed. What parts of speech are joined together to form each?

1 Some compound nouns join two words together to form one word.

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birthrate	software takeout
Dirtinate	

2 Some compound nouns are two words that work together to refer to one thing.

family tree maternity leave family planning

3 Some compound nouns are formed by joining two or more words together with hyphens.

self-esteem	give-and-take mother-in-la	w
Sen-esteem	9.00	

Match the words in the box with the words below to form compound nouns. Is each compound written as one word or two words, or is it hyphenated? You may use a dictionary to help you.

400.0	riend control	sitter license	style in-law	mother wife
а	father			
b	boy			
C	self			
d	baby			
е	driver's	_		
f	house			
g	grand			
L	lifo			

Match each compound noun from B with the correct definition below.

1	a person v	who takes	care of	children while	the	parents	are o	ut
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- 2 ____ a woman who stays home and takes care of the house and children
- 3 ____ a male companion
- 4 ____ the male parent of one's spouse
- __ your father's or mother's mother
- 6 ____ someone's chosen way of living
- 7 ____ legal permission to drive a car
- 8 _____ the ability to remain calm and not show one's feelings; will-power

Motivational Tip: Reading in English is important. Being able to read well in English will help you to achieve success inside and outside of the classroom. As you make progress in this chapter, it will help you as you set and reach your goals outside of the classroom.

Vocabulary Skill

Compound Nouns

In this chapter, you learned the compound nouns give-and-take and self-esteem. Compound nouns are two or more words that work together to talk about one person, place, or thing.

UNIT 9

CHAPTER 2 Changing Roles: The Rise of Stay-at-Home Dads

Before You Read

Family Responsibilities

A Who would you normally associate the following family responsibilities with? Check (/) whether you think it should be the man or woman.

	man	woman
making money		
cleaning the house		
doing the laundry		
paying the bills		
disciplining children		
cooking meals		
caring for children		
fixing things		
driving to places		
entertaining guests		

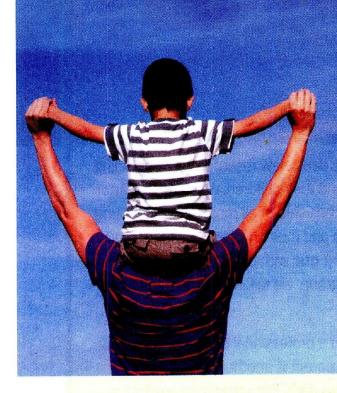
B Discuss your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Previewing

Previewing is something good readers do when they first encounter new reading material. They ask themselves questions like these: What is this about? What kind of text is this? What do I already know about it? Previewing can involve skimming, scanning, and predicting to help us get acquainted with the reading passage.

- A Preview the passage on the next page. Look at the title and pictures, scan for any interesting information, and skim the first and last paragraphs.
- B Now discuss the following questions with a partner.
 - 1 What do you think the passage is about?
 - 2 Where could you find this kind of article?
 - 3 What do you already know about this subject?
 - 4 What interesting points did you notice?
 - 5 Do you think you'll enjoy reading about this topic?
- Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 157.



Changing Roles: The Rise of Stay-at-Home Dads

As little as 50 years ago, few people in the U.S. questioned the gender roles that had been in place for centuries. Many people assumed that a woman's place was in the home, and that a man's main responsibility to his family was to put food on the table. In the 1970s and '80s, however, greater numbers of working women meant that men

- were no longer the **sole** breadwinners. A father's involvement with his family also became more important. Even so, back then, almost no husbands were "stay-at-home dads." Today, with more career opportunities than ever available to women, the stay-at-home dad trend is on the rise.
- A family with a full-time dad has many benefits. If the wife is a career woman, her husband can take some family responsibilities off her shoulders, thereby allowing her to compete more successfully in the workplace. The men share in the joy of participating in their children's day-to-day experiences. Differences in parenting styles between men and women are also believed to contribute to children's well-being. Studies suggest that a strong paternal² presence encourages greater curiosity, higher self-esteem, and better emotional balance in the child. Societies with strong family units also report lower juvenile crime rates and lower rates of teen pregnancy. Robert Frank, a professor of child development at Oakton Community College in the U.S., notes that working mothers aren't necessarily absent from the home; many women

form a close relationship with their kids regardless.

¹ The **breadwinner** is the person who supports a family with his or her earnings.

² The word paternal refers to anything related to the father.

- In response to the recent increase in stay-at-home dads, new resources are becoming available. Playgroups are being planned for dads and their children. When Ryan Warren said that he felt out-of-place in groups that often consisted of all moms, his wife found a local group that hosted events for dads like Ryan and their children. "[My daughter] could play with other kids her age, and I could hang out with other fathers going 25 through the same experience," says Ryan. "In the group, we talk about the traditional guy things—sports, tools, cars."

Moving from a professional career to becoming an at-home parent is another challenge for these modern dads. But some men are finding ways to stay active with their career goals while 30 parenting at home. Dad and blogger Hunter Montgomery is a great example of a father who balances home life with career aspirations. "I was a full-time stay-at-home-dad, but I didn't plan it that way," says Hunter. "My intention

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was to continue work as a mortgage loan officer from home; it's the type of work you can easily do remotely."

Hunter's wife, Christi, has a career in the U.S. Navy that sometimes requires the family to relocate. When Hunter and Christi had their first child, they already knew that they

- would have to move within a year. To help with the **transition**, Hunter left his job to become a stay-at-home dad. Hunter was always interested in personal finances and, being home to watch the kids, he studied part-time to complete a master's degree in Family Financial Planning. Hunter started a blog, Financially Consumed, as a way to stay active in his career by sharing tips and experiences with others. Despite many
- challenges, Hunter says he has found a way to balance both priorities of his family and his career. "All three of our kids are in school, and I have some time each day to pursue my interests," says Hunter. "I'm loving it."

It's safe to say that the stay-at-home dad is here to stay. As more and more dads find new ways to stay active socially and in their careers while parenting, they contribute 50 immensely to the flexibility of the father's role in the modern family.

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions

- 1 According to the passage, what did NOT change in the 1970s and '80s?
 - a More women entered the workforce.
 - **b** Many men decided to leave the workforce.
 - c Men were encouraged to spend time with family.
- 2 How is having a stay-at-home dad said to benefit the child?
 - a The child becomes more curious.
 - **b** The child becomes more competitive.
 - c The child is able to experience more things.
- 3 What does Ryan mean when he says he was looking to work remotely in line 37?
 - a He has to work in an office.
 - b He is able to work at home.
 - c He is able to do his work at any time.
- 4 Which of the following is NOT true about Hunter Montgomery?
 - a He writes a blog about being a stay-at-home dad.
 - **b** His wife's job requires the family to move sometimes.
 - c He completed a master's degree part-time.
- 5 What do Ryan and Hunter have in common as stay-at-home dads?
 - a They can spend quality time with their children.
 - **b** They can focus on maintaining their blogs.
 - c They are members of their local playgroup.

B Read the following sentences. Check (/) whether they are true (T) or false (F).

	A 18) Resident at the state of	T	F
1	Many people used to think that women should not be working.		
2	Robert Frank thinks career women are not close to their children.		•
3	Ryan felt uncomfortable being in a playgroup full of women.		
4	Hunter wanted to be a full-time stay-at-home dad from the start.		
5	The Montgomery family had to move because of Hunter's job.		

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Are stay-at-home dads common in your country? Why, or why not?
- 2 How can governments help to ensure both parents spend enough time with their children?

Reading Comprehension Check Your Understanding



Vocabulary Comprehension Words in Context

Choose the best answer. The words in blue are from the reading.				
	1	The sole person in the room is the		
		a only person there b first person to arrive		
	2	Which involves some form of transition?		
		a reading a bookb moving to a new country		
	3	Which word has the same meaning as thereby?		
		a thus b unlike		
	4	Which would be an example of having an intention?		
		a Luis is planning to go to art school.		
		b Luis graduated from art school.		
	5	When you are in someone's presence, you		
		a are with the personb owe the person something		
	6	If something is a priority, it is very		
		a exciting b important		
	7	Which is an example of hanging out?		
		a watching a movie with friends b attending a wedding with famil		
	8	Someone who is absent is		
		a asleep b away		

B Answer the following questions, then discuss your answers with a partner. The words in blue are from the passage.

- 1 What are some things you like to do when hanging out with friends?
- 2 In what way is the transition from childhood to adulthood challenging?
- 3 How do you behave in the presence of someone you dislike?
- 4 How do you think the sole survivor of a plane crash would feel?
- 5 Why is it important for students not to be absent from class too often?
- 6 What is the number one priority in your life now?
- 7 Think of an ending to this sentence: Derek fixed my computer, thereby allowing me to ...
- 8 What do you intend to do next weekend?

A Study the words in the chart. What do you think they mean? Match each word with a definition below. You may use a dictionary to help you.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
matriarch	atter e mel e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	matriarchal
maternity	to mother	maternal
patriarch	razy – domin	patriarchal
paternity	to father	paternal
juvenile	rejuvenate	juvenile

1	: the female leader of a family, usually the oldest or wisest
2	: motherhood (or pregnancy)
3	: to care for or nurture someone
4	: to feel refreshed again, usually after a rest
5	: related to fatherhood or being a father
6	: young; can also mean childish or immature
7	: the male leader of a family, usually the oldest or wisest
8	related to the mother

B Answer the following questions, then discuss your answers with a partner.

- 1 What is the name of your maternal grandmother? How about your paternal grandfather?
- 2 At what age is one considered an adult and not a juvenile in your country?
- 3 Is maternity leave common in your country? How much time off work do women usually take?
- 4 Have you heard of the phrase maternal instinct? What do you think it means?
- 5 What is an activity that rejuvenates you?

Vocabulary Skill

The Root Words pater, mater, and juv

> In this chapter, you read the adjectives juvenile and paternal. There are many words in English that begin with or include the root words juv meaning young, pater/patri meaning father, and mater/matri meaning mother.

Motivational Tip: Too challenging or too easy? Was the reading material in this chapter too challenging or too easy for you? In order to improve your reading abilities, you will need a combination of both. Challenging reading provides the opportunity to use effective reading strategies. Easier reading provides the opportunity to practice reading fluency.

Real Life Skill

Describing Family Relationships

In this unit, you've read about the changing family. In today's world, many people's families include more than their biological parents and siblings. There are some common names used to refer to these types of relatives.

A Match the following terms with the correct definition.

1	mother/father-in-law
2	ex-wife/husband
3	step-brother/sister
4	half brother/sister
5	adopted child
6	step-mother/father
7	sten-son/daughter

- a another person's child legally made a member of your family
- b a sibling related to you by marriage only
- your parent's spouse, but not your parent
- d a child related to you by marriage only
- e your spouse's parent
- f your former spouse
- g a sibling who shares the same mother or father as you
- B Read the announcement below. Then use words from A to answer the questions. You might have to change the form of the word.

Hollywood Couple Announces Pregnancy

Actor Nicole Sommers is expecting a baby girl with husband Miguel Santiago in May. The happy couple have another child, Angelina, who was adopted a year ago. Ms. Sommers has a daughter from a previous marriage, Michelle (age 7) who is now living with her father, director Cameron DuBois. Mr. Santiago has twin boys, Alberto and Jorge, who live with his ex-wife. Ms. Sommers is currently shooting her latest film in the south of Spain.

1	Miguel Santiago is Michelle's
2	Alberto and Jorge are Michelle's
3	The new baby will be Jorge and Alberto's
4	Miguel Santiago's father is Ms. Sommers's
5	Alberto and Jorge are Nicole Sommers's
6	Cameron DuBois is Ms. Sommers's
7	Angelina is Michelle, Alberto, and Jorge's

What do you think?

- 1 Do you think society has changed in the way it views the family or whether it considers strong family ties important? Explain your answer.
- 2 Do you think only children have different personalities than kids with siblings? Give an example.
- 3 Would you like for stay-at-home dads to become more common in the future? Why, or why not?