

# Проблемы семьи

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**Предмет:** Английский язык.

**Класс:** 10.

**Тема:** Family Issues.

**Профиль:** Лингвистический.

**Уровень:** Общий.

**Текст задачи.** 2008 year was proclaimed the year of a family in Russia.

1) What were families like in different periods in history in various countries?

2) What were the specific features of family and marriage in different cultures?

3) How have values and norms of the British family changed?

4) What changes affected the family relations in different countries?

а) Выделите ключевые слова для информационного поиска.

б) Найдите необходимую информацию.

в) Обсудите и проанализируйте собранную информацию.

г) Сделайте выводы.

д) Сравните ваши выводы с выводами известных людей.

## Возможные информационные источники

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<http://www.british-wildlife.com>

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## Культурные образцы

*Spotlight on Britain / Susan Sheerin, Jonathan Seath, Gillian Whit. Oxford University Press, 1999.*

In Victorian time Mama kept her large family in order, and used a cane, if necessary. With eight, ten, twelve, or more children, she was a very busy mother, for there were no vacuum cleaners, washing machines or electrical gadgets in the house. Tinned goods and foods prepared in packets were unknown. Clothes were mostly made at home or at a dressmaker's in the town.

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### **What is family life like in Britain? Changing Values and Norms of the British Family**

The family in Britain is changing. The once typical British family headed by two parents has undergone substantial changes during the twentieth century. In particular there has been a rise in the number of single-person households, which increased from 18 to 29 per cent of all households between 1971 and 2002. By the year 2020, it is estimated that there will be more single people than married people. Fifty years ago this would have been socially unacceptable in Britain.

In the past, people got married and stayed married. Divorce was very difficult, expensive and took a long time. Today, people's views on marriage are changing. Many couples, mostly in their twenties or thirties, live together (cohabit) without getting married. Only about 60% of these couples will eventually get married.

In the past, people married before they had children, but now about 40% of children in Britain are born to unmarried (cohabiting) parents. In 2000, around a quarter of unmarried people between the ages of 16 and 59 were cohabiting in Great Britain. Cohabiting couples are also starting families without first being married. Before 1960 this was very unusual, but in 2001 around 23 per cent of births in the UK were to cohabiting couples.

*From «Life and Issues in the USA»*

### **American Family Trends**

The traditional American family consisting of a husband, wife and chil-

dren is becoming less and less frequent. More people who are not legally married are living together. More and more children are being raised in single — parent families, by both poor women and by women who are professionally employed. Marriages are either civil or performed in the church. Young people rarely live with their parents. Usually, upon graduation from high school children move out of the family home. To reduce expenses young people frequently rent apartments or a house. Usually two to five young people rent an apartment or a house together and share other expenses.

While young people are getting married later in life, the divorce rate is increasing. Roughly 50% of all marriages in the United States now end in divorce.

The most ominous trend in American society is the increasingly high number if children are being born to unmarried young people in poverty who are being raised without fathers. Two-thirds of black children are now being born in fatherless households. Undoubtedly these children are destined to add to the number of those in poverty and to those involved in delinquency and crime.

### **Методический комментарий**

Решая эту задачу, учащиеся:

- развивают навыки информационного и аналитического чтения;
- тренируют навыки аудирования;
- обрабатывают различные клише языковых сравнений и противопоставлений;
- повышают социокультурную компетенцию;
- обрабатывают навыки взаимодействия в парах и группах.