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How to Describe Your Family?

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There are numerous words that one could use to describe his/ her family and frankly... 'Dull' cannot be one of them! So, it's time to buck up on your English speaking skills and pump up some adrenaline in your description.



When you are asked to describe your family, you can start by describing each person of your family one at a time. Remember, the shorter, the sweeter! Describe the key members in your life, your immediate family. Let's take a look at one example to give you a brief gist of which direction you should expand in.

Example:



My family consists of my mother, father and my little sister.

Beginning with my mother, she is like any other mom. Loving, caring, and concerned yet when she is angry you will definitely know. She's artistic and seeks to do things that revolve around art. She loves to cook and is extremely innovative even in that aspect. She is the anchor of our house and is definitely the driving force for our family!

My father is the cornerstone of our family. He is rigid yet flexible. He is responsible for all the discipline in our house. Possessing the love for gardening, he invests a lot of his time in innovative gardening techniques. He loves all of us and holds himself responsible for our family's well being. My inspiration, my dad.

The mischievous, little one in our family is my little sister. Being the youngest, luck is always on her side. She is blessed with a smile of an angel, she too has got the artistic touch of mom. Art and Crafts hold her attention for the longest time throughout the day. Filling our house with a frequent set of frowns and smiles, she is indeed the little demon of our house.



Read through the above example and make a few pointers.

Rule #1: While you're describing a member of your family, be clear in describing the role played by that particular member in your household.

Rule #2: Spell out the personality of the person you're describing. Be descriptive and analytical.

Rule #3: Talk about that person's interests and hobbies, likes and dislikes.

Rule #4: Never oversell. Keep your description grounded to reality rather than just spluttering a set of irrelevant adjectives.

Rule #5: Be positive. While attempting to describe someone always make it a point to give your description the 'positive tilt'.

Having been born and brought-up among those members, describing them must be the easiest task. Ensure you make use of basic English speaking terms and add a touch of applicable adjectives to improve your spoken English and go through this task efficiently.

You could also sign up for online English speaking courses that are known to improve English vocabulary as well as enable you to learn English speaking fluently.

Tip:

While describing your family, make sure there is a flow. Use your descriptions to move the story forward. Do not list things; make sure your description assists what you narrate . Being descriptive is an art and an art is something you pick up after dedicated practice.

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