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I. People

1. Family

1. Family and social relationships



Listen and repeat the expressions. Then repeat some possible sentences with the expressions.

marital status	stan cywilny	What's your marital status? Are you single or married?
maiden name	nazwisko panieńskie	Will you still be using your maiden name after you get married?
to be in love with somebody	kochać kogoś	How many times have you been truly in love in your life?
to go out with... / to date somebody	chodzić z kimś	Are you still dating Thomas?
to adore	adorować	Grandparents often adore their grandchildren and talk about them with great pride.
to propose to somebody	oświadczyć się	When are you going to propose to Julia? She won't wait forever.
to get engaged	zaruszyć się	The moment you get engaged to Olivia, you must stop seeing other women.
fiancé/e	narzeczony/-a	Did Ben eventually become your fiancé or is he still just a boyfriend?
to get married	pobrać się	John is getting married next week.
a wedding	ślub	They didn't want to disappoint their parents and decided on a traditional white wedding.
a (bride)groom / a bride	pan młody / panna młoda	After the ceremony, the bride and the groom posed for photographs to be taken in front of the church.
a best man	świadek	Everybody laughed at the speech that was given by the best man, the groom's older brother.
a reception	przyjęcie weselne	The reception took place in a beautiful palace in the country.
a honeymoon	miesiąc miodowy	Where are they going on their honeymoon?
a wedding anniversary	rocznica ślubu	The twenty-fifth wedding anniversary is an opportunity to have a big party and celebrate.

a relationship / a couple	związek	Are you in a relationship with Betty?
to break a relationship / to split up / to break up	zerwać związek	Do you know why Tom and Ann have split up? They seemed to be a happy couple.
a divorce / to get divorced	rozwód / rozwieść się	If you can't stay married to a man you don't love, just get divorced.
a funeral	pogrzeb	All family and friends were invited to the funeral when Uncle Tom, their oldest relative, died at the age of 98.
a widow / a widower	wdowa / wdowiec	After his wife's sudden death, he became a widower.
to make a will	spisać testament	Grandma made her will and decided to leave all her belongings to a charity organisation.
to inherit	odziedziczyć	Frank inherited a fortune from an elderly woman he had once looked after.

2. Celebrations



Answer the questions using the given expressions. In each example, you will hear another possible answer.

1. **Why did Marcus ask Fiona to go out with him?**

...

He had been in love with her for a long time.

**to be in love with
somebody**

2. **What did Marcus decide to do as he absolutely adored Fiona?**

...

He decided to propose to her.

**to propose to
somebody**

3. **What did they start to plan when they officially got engaged?**

...

They started to plan a wedding.

a wedding

4. **What did the groom ask his brother to do?**

...

He asked his brother to be his best man.

a best man

5. **Where were the family and friends invited after the wedding ceremony?**

...

They were invited to a reception in a luxurious hotel.

a reception

6. **Where did Fiona and Marcus go after the reception?**

...

They went on their honeymoon to Thailand.

a honeymoon7. **What happened when Fiona heard of Marcus's affair?**

...

She asked him for a divorce and they broke up.

to break up8. **What did Fiona receive after Marcus's death fifteen years later?**

...

She inherited a fortune.

to inherit a fortune**3. Stages in life****3****Listen and repeat the expressions. Then repeat the sentences.**

to get pregnant	zajść w ciążę	When Kate realised she had finally got pregnant, she couldn't wait to tell the news to the happy father.
birth / date of birth	narodziny / dzień urodzenia	Was your husband present at your son's birth?
to be born	urodzić się	Everybody in the country waited for the prince's child to be born.
to take after someone	być podobnym do...	You resemble your father in appearance but your sister takes after your mother.
christening	chrzest	Only close family met in the Baptist church for the christening of their new baby.
a godmother / a godfather	matka chrzestna / ojciec chrzestny	Aunt Alex and Uncle Fred, who were asked to be my child's godmother and godfather, joined us at the christening ceremony.
maternity leave	urlop wychowawczy	How long were you on maternity leave after you had given birth to your daughter?
infancy	wczesne dzieciństwo / okres niemowlęstwa	In the past, many children died in infancy as there wasn't proper health care for little children.
childhood	dzieciństwo	Looking at these photos of you when you were a child, it seems to me you had a happy childhood.
adolescence	wiek młodzieńczy	During adolescence, teenagers are often shy and idealistic.
to grow up / to be grown-up	dorastać / być dorosłym	When you grow up, you will understand what problems parents have to face every day.
to bring up children	wychowywać dzieci	As his parents died in an accident when he was three, he was brought up by his grandparents.
an only child / siblings	jedynak / rodzeństwo	Alicia is an only child, her parents' pride and joy, but she wishes she had siblings.

a single parent	samotny rodzic	Being a single parent, she was forced to deal with all the problems by herself.
a stepmother / a stepfather	macocha / ojczym	After her mother's death, her father quickly got married again but she couldn't stand her stepmother.
a generation / a generation gap	pokolenie / różnica pokoleń	What can we do to bridge the generation gap and gain a better understanding of our children?

4. Family life



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Repeat the possible questions about family life.

What's your marital status?

When was your child born?

When did you get married?

Did you have maternity leave?

Where did the reception take place?

Did you bring up the children alone?

Where did you go on the honeymoon?

Which anniversary did you celebrate this year?

When did you get pregnant?

Why did your friends split up?

5. Your family



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Answer the questions about you. In each example, you'll hear another possible answer.

1. **When and where were you born?**

...

I was born in Berlin in 1975.

2. **Do you take after your mother or father?**

...

I take after my mother.

3. **Are you an only child or do you have siblings?**

...

I have a brother.

4. **Where did you spend your childhood?**

...

I lived in a small town near Berlin.

5. **Were you in love when you were at school?**

...

Yes, many times!

6. **When did you get engaged?**

...

When I was at University.

7. **How many guests did you invite to the reception?**

...

A lot.

8. **Is your relationship happy?**

...

I think so.

9. **Did any of your friends get divorced?**

...

Yes, one couple.

10. **Will you inherit a fortune after your grandparents' death?**

...

Rather not.

6. Family occasions**6****Repeat the expressions.**

to invite to... / to invite for...	to light candles
to invite somebody to a wedding reception	to wear special costumes
to invite somebody to a birthday party	to greet
to invite somebody for a drink	to welcome warmly
to give a party / to throw a party	to shake hands
to organise a family party	to give a kiss
to visit family / friends	to bring a gift for the host
to come to a garden party	to wish somebody luck
to come for a coffee	to introduce the guests
to come round	to make yourself at home
to attend a party	to serve drinks / soft drinks
to join in	to sit down to a meal
to make preparations	to help yourself (to something)
to decorate the house	to have a drink
to sort out the music	to dance until the morning
to cook home-made dishes	to kiss somebody goodbye
to make a cake	to put somebody up for the night

7. Family occasions. Invitations

Listen and repeat the sentences.

I'd like to invite you to my wedding.

Would you like to come?

I'd love to.

Are you doing anything at the weekend?

Why don't we visit Grandma?

That's a good idea.

Today's our parents' wedding anniversary. Let's buy them a present.

How about taking them to a restaurant for dinner?

That would be great.

Do you fancy coming to my birthday party?

Sorry, I'm afraid I'm busy.

8. Invitations

Now a friend is suggesting that you spend some time together. Answer the questions yourself. After each example, you'll hear another possible answer.

1. Would you like to come for a drink on Saturday?

...

Sure, why not? What time shall we meet?

2. I'm organising a party tomorrow. Would you like to come?

...

I'm afraid I can't. I'm visiting my family tomorrow.

3. We're having a barbeque tomorrow. Come and join us!

...

That would be great! Who's going?

4. I'd like to invite you to my wedding reception.

...

Thank you very much for the invitation. When is it?

5. I'm planning a New Year's Eve party. Would you like to come?

...

I'd love to but I'm going to my friends'.

9. Family. Different idiomatic expressions



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Listen and repeat the expressions. Then repeat the sentences.

a grass widow	a woman who spends a lot of time alone, often because her husband is working in another place	My husband works abroad and I'm a grass widow.
	słomiana wdowa	
a henpecked husband	a man who is always being told what to do by his wife	Chris is a henpecked husband.
	pantoflarz	
an old maid	a woman who has never married	My neighbour is an old maid.
	stara panna	
a confirmed bachelor	a man who doesn't want to get married	Kevin is a confirmed bachelor and he'll never marry.
	zatwardziały kawaler	
to lead a woman to the altar	to marry a woman	Dave has finally led Denise to the altar.
	zaprowadzić kobietę do ołtarza	
to wear the trousers	to be the person in a relationship who makes all the important decisions	Ann is the one who wears the trousers in this family.
	nosić spodnie, być mężczyzną	
to have an affair	to have a secret sexual relationship with someone	Her husband had an affair with his secretary.
	mieć romans	
flesh and blood	relative	Tommy is your own flesh and blood.
	własna rodzina	
to be the black sheep of the family	to be someone who is regarded by other members of a family as a failure or embarrassment	Uncle Steve was the black sheep of the family.
	być czarną owcą w rodzinie	
to follow in someone's footsteps	to do the same job or the same things in life as someone else, especially a member of your family	I will follow in my father's footsteps some day.
	pójść w czyjeś ślady	

10. Family. Different idiomatic expressions – Test yourself



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Paraphrase the sentences using the appropriate expressions.

1. Leo doesn't want to get married.

...

Leo is a **confirmed bachelor**.