

# Colloc FAMILY

## family *noun*

1 group of people related to each other

- ADJ. **large** | **old**, **old-established** | **land-owning**, **wealthy**, **well-to-do** | **hard-up**, **low-income**, **poor tax incentives** for **low-income families** | **homeless** | **close**, **close-knit** We are a very **close-knit** family and support each other through any crises. | **immediate** We've only told the **immediate family** (= the closest relations). | **conjugal**, **nuclear** the **nuclear family** of parents and children | **extended** maintaining contact with members of his **extended family** | **lone-parent**, **one-parent**, **single-parent** the difficulties faced by **one-parent families** | **two-parent** | **adoptive** helping emotionally damaged children to find placements with **adoptive families** | **patriarchal** | **middle-class**, **working-class**, etc. | **royal** | **bereaved** a counselling agency to help **bereaved families**
- VERB - FAMILY **belong to**, **be one/part of**, **come from** He **belonged to** an **old-established family**. ◦ We all **knew her** so well that we felt she was almost **part of the family**. ◦ Many of our students **come from poor families**. | **marry into** She **married into a wealthy family**. | **run in** a medical condition which **runs in the family** | **be in** This painting has **been in our family for generations**.
- FAMILY + NOUN **background**, **history** Do you know anything about her **family background**? ◦ a **family history** of heart disease | **connections**, **relationships**, **ties** They prefer to stay in their home country because of **family ties**. | **member** | **life** | **business** | **home** | **commitments** The job wouldn't really fit in with my **family commitments**. | **income** | **doctor** | **holiday** | **feud** | **heirloom** | **motto** | **name** (= surname) | **planning** (= controlling the number of children you have by using contraception)
- PREP. **in a/the** - These problems occur **in all families**. **within a/the** - creating conflict **within the family**
- PHRASES **family and friends** The support of family and friends is vital. **a member of a family**

## 2 children

- ADJ. **large**, **small** | **young parents** with young families
- VERB - FAMILY **have** I always wanted to **have a large family**. | **start** They got married last year and plan to **start a family** (= have children) soon. | **bring up**, **raise** struggling to **bring up a family on a low income** | **feed**, **support** It is difficult for them to **earn enough to feed their families**.
- FAMILY + NOUN **size** Average **family size** has decreased since the Victorian era. | **man a good family man**, completely devoted to his wife and kids