# Types of Families #2 (Parenting)

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ESLDO - Unit 2

# **Key Terms**

- Adoptive Family (A-dop-tive)
- Blended Family (Blen-did)
- Diplomacy (Di-plo-ma-see)
- Extended Family (Ex-ten-did)
- Foster Family (Fos-ter)

# <sup>+</sup>Key Terms

- Nuclear Family
- Role
- Single-Parent Family (Sing-el)
- Stepparent

(Step-pare-ent)

(Nu-klee-ar)

(Rol)

### <sup>+</sup>A Parent's Role

- As a student, what do people expect of you? To come to class? To complete assignments and contribute in discussions?
- Those duties are part of a students' role

#### <sup>+</sup>A Parent's Role

- The same expectations society places on students are similar to the expectation placed on parents or caregivers.
- Society counts on the parents or caregivers to guide manage and provide stability and loving care for their families.



Parents aren't the only ones who take care of children. A caregiver may be a grandparent, aunt or uncle, older sibling, child-care worker; or foster parent. The caregiver role is to love, care for, and guide a child.

Ch = /Ch/ for example, "child" C = /S/ for example, "city" C = /K/ for example, "care"

#### + Guiding a Family

- Parents usually make decisions based on their values.
- They provide good guidance.
- They have clear rules, procedures and structures for their children.
- They provide context and explanations behind the rules they establish.

#### <sup>+</sup> Nuclear Families

- Nuclear Families consists of a father, a mother and one or more biological children
- Often thought of as a traditional family
- They are often the format of many sitcom TV families
- Most couples in this scenario choose to handle most parenting decisions together

### \*Single Parent Families

- When one or more children live in a household headed by one parent it is known as a Single Parent Family.
- This kind of family can result from divorce, or a partner passing
- Never married people may become parents through birth or adoption

#### \*Blended Families

- Contains a couple and one or more children from a previous relationship (i.e. divorce, death)
- When these couples are created the parents to children who are there's biologically are referred to as stepparents.
- Parenting in this kind of family is similar to that in a nuclear family





- Children who cannot live with their immediate family (parents) may live in a foster family
- Parents in a foster family household care for children on a temporary basis.
- They care for the child as a more stable

## <sup>+</sup>Adoptive Families

When a child who is not biological is brought into a family on a permanent basis and becomes a part of the family, it is a **Adoptive Family**.

Adoptions can be arranged through the government, private or international agencies.



Childhood is all about developing and learning. Children need parents or guardians who are patient enough to let them explore and make mistakes.

### <sup>+</sup>Developing Patience

How do you make yourself more patient? The first step is deciding how patient you are now. If you are not sure, ask others who know you well. Do you focus on what's really important in life? Are you even-tempered over minor distractions? Do you value your relationships enough to do what others want and need some of the time?

These are important questions to ask if you are thinking of becoming a parent or caregiver.