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## I'm an only child.

• Asking about family relationships

• Describing family relationships

## 1 Vocabulary

**A** Read about Alexa's family. Circle the words in the box that apply to her.

Alexa has an older brother and a younger sister. She is not married, but Tom recently proposed to her. They plan to get married next year.

single	only child
engaged	middle child
divorced	firstborn
fiancé/fiancée (fem.)	spouse

**B PAIR WORK** Tell your partner about your family relationships.

*Example:*

A: I'm an only child.

B: Not me. I'm a middle child. I have an older brother and a younger sister.

## 2 | Conversation

CD1 02 **A** Listen. What is Isabel doing today? How many siblings does Isabel have?

John: Are you waiting for someone?

Isabel: Yeah, my brother. He's going to give me a ride home. We're having a party for my grandmother. It's her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

John: That's nice. Do you have a large family?

Isabel: I guess. Besides my mom and dad, I have three older brothers and two sisters.

John: Wow! You have a big family.

Isabel: Do you have any siblings?

John: No, I'm an only child. It gets lonely sometimes.

Isabel: Really? Sometimes, I want to be alone!



**B PAIR WORK** Practice the conversation.

CD1 03 **C** Listen. Write the three extra sentences you hear in the conversation. Practice the new conversation.

### 3 | Language Booster

**A** Notice the different ways we ask about and describe family relationships.

Asking about family relationships	Describing family relationships
Do you have a large family? any siblings?	Yes. I have three brothers and a sister. Yes. I have an older brother.
Are you the firstborn?	No, I'm not. I'm the middle child.
Who are your family members?	I have my grandparents, parents, and two siblings.

**B PAIR WORK** Take turns asking about and describing these people's families.

Rachel	Sam	Tristan
<input type="checkbox"/> is engaged.	<input type="checkbox"/> is married with a daughter.	<input type="checkbox"/> is a middle child.
<input type="checkbox"/> has an older sister.	<input type="checkbox"/> has a large extended family.	<input type="checkbox"/> has a fiancée.

**Example:**

**A:** Is Rachel single?

**B:** No, she is engaged. She has a fiancé.

### 4 | Pronunciation Stressing important words

CD1 04 **A** Listen and practice. Notice how we stress the words that carry the most meaning in a sentence.

- I have an **older brother**.
- Sandra** has **never** been **married**.

CD1 05 **B** Listen. Underline the stressed words. Then practice the sentences.

- Are you an only child?
- Roger is the baby of the family.

ONLINE PRACTICE 

## SPEAK *with* CONFIDENCE

**A PAIR WORK** Find out about each other's families. Ask the questions below or think of your own questions.

Do you have any brothers and sisters? How old are they?

Would you like more siblings? If so, how many?

Who are your parents' siblings? What are they like?

What kind of family would you like to have someday?

**B PAIR WORK** Discuss the similarities and differences in your families.

