## Family tree



Solutions for English Teaching

Teacher's Notes

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## Interaction

Group work

## Aim

To review vocabulary associated with families.

## Time

10-15 minutes

## Skills

Speaking
Listening

## Grammar and functions

Asking and answering questions about family members
Use of 's to show possession
Present simple

## Vocabulary <br> Family members

## Preparation

Photocopy one family tree for each group and cut apart the five clues at the bottom.

## Answers

1st row: Nancy / Bill (or) Bill / Nancy<br>2nd row: Beverly / Mark / Carl (or) Mark / Beverly / Carl<br>3rd row: Greg / Laura (or) Laura / Greg

## Procedure

1 Divide the class into groups of five students and give each student an information card and each group a copy of the blank family tree. Alternatively, teachers could give each student in the group a copy of the blank family tree.

2 The groups should sit in circles, if possible. If there are fewer than five students in a certain group, some students might have to work with more than one information card.
3 Explain that each group should use the clues to fill in the family tree. Taking turns, each person in the group reads one of the clues in his / her information card aloud.
4 One person acts as a secretary and is responsible for filling in the blank family tree with the input of the rest of the group.
5 When the time is up or when they've finished, check their answers either orally or by drawing a blank tree on the board and asking different groups to fill it in with you.

## Option

Instead of using the worksheet, students can make their own family trees. They can then talk about their family trees with a partner. If time allows, the partner can explain his / her partner's family tree to the rest of the class.

## Additional ideas

Ask students to form pairs and interview their partners. Student A should make a family tree for student B and then student B should make a family tree for student $A$.

