

REALISING ASPIRATIONS: FIRST STEPS

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with English as an additional language



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CHAPTER 1 - FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Match the descriptions to the family photos.

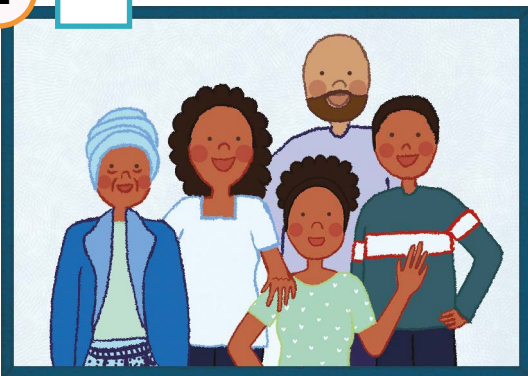
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a

Hi, I'm Ana, I am from Spain. I speak Spanish, English and a little French. I live with my dad in north London.

2



b

Hello my name is Mehmet. I live with my mum, dad and twin sisters. They are 10 years old. We live in Tottenham and speak Turkish at home.

3



c

Hi I'm Ali, I'm from Iraq. I'm 15 and I live with a foster family, my foster parents Susan and Peter, and their son Josh. He's 15 like me.

4



d

Hello my name is Sara. I live with my mum, stepdad, grandmother and older brother in Barnet. I speak French, English and a little Lingala. My dad lives in south London with my uncle and auntie.

GRAMMAR

Basic word order in English is

Subject → **Verb** → **Object**

A verb describes an action
or a state.

e.g. **Ana** **lives** with her **dad**.

Pronouns

Subject pronoun	Object pronoun
I	me
you	you
he	him
she	her
it	it
we	us
they	them

e.g.

Sara → lives → in Barnet with her family.

She → lives → in Barnet with them.

Possessive Pronouns

Possessive pronouns show things that belong to the subject.
We can use a possessive pronoun with an object or without it.

my book	mine
your book	yours
his book	his
her book	hers
our book	ours
their book	theirs

e.g. This is my book.

This is mine.

Verbs

Subject	To be		To speak		To come		To live		To have	
	Present tense	Simple past tense	Present tense	Simple past tense	Present tense	Simple past tense	Present tense	Simple past tense	Present tense	Simple past tense
I	am	was	speaks	spoke	come	came	live	lived	have	had
You	are	were	speaks		come		live		have	
He/She/It	is	was	speaks		comes		lives		has	
We	are	were	speaks		come		live		have	
They	are	were	speaks		come		live		have	

In English, we often use contractions because it is easier and more relaxed:

Contraction of 'be':

I am → I'm

She / he / it is → She's / he's / it's

We / they are → We're / they're

READING

My name is Julia. I come from Brazil. I live in north east London with my mother and stepsister. We speak Portuguese and English.

WRITING

Fill in the gaps, with help from the the text above:

- Her name _____ Julia. She _____ from _____. She _____ in _____ with _____ mother and stepsister. _____ speak _____ and English.
- My name is _____. I speak _____. I live in _____ with my _____.
- My friend is _____. He/she speaks _____. He/she lives in _____ with his/her _____.
- My friend _____