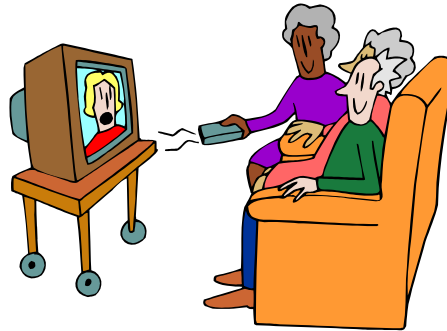


Bab 3 Family: Describing your relatives



Family and Relatives

Aunt	= a sister of our mother or father
Nephew	= a son of our sister or brother
Cousin	= a child of our mother/father's sister/brother
Niece	= a daughter of our sister or brother
Brother	= a son of our mother or father
Sister	= a daughter of our mother or father
Uncle	= a brother of our mother or father
Brother in-law	= our wife/husband's brother
Sister in-law	= our wife/husband's sister
Father in-law	= our wife/ husband father
Mother in-law	= our wife/ husband mother
Son in law	= our daughter's husband
Grand children	= children of our son/daughter

Exercise 1: Reading text below about Alexis and his family

My name is Alexis. I'm from Togo.

William: ... and I'm William Kremer. Welcome to *People and Places*!

One of my favorite things about living in London is the incredible mix of people that you find here. Go for a short walk in almost any part of this city, and you're more than likely to pass people from every continent in the world. Some of them will be tourists enjoying a holiday in Britain, some will be students and others will be people who have come to this country to live and to work. Today we're going to hear from someone who has decided to settle in London.

His name is Alexis... but where's he from and what does he do?

Alexis: My name is Alexis. I'm from Togo. Er, at the moment I'm living in London...er... I've got a small clinic. I'm a physiotherapist.

William: Alexis is from Togo – that's a country in West Africa, next to Ghana. He is a physiotherapist. A physiotherapist is someone who helps people who have suffered muscle injury. After you've been in hospital, your doctor might send you to a physiotherapist to help you build up your strength. Alexis was nineteen years old when he left Togo. At the time, he had two great loves in his life. What were they?

Alexis: I was nineteen. I was... I had just finished my degree in French business law... I was a footballer and I was er... involved in politics.

William: Alexis said that he'd been a footballer and that he'd been involved in politics. Alexis played football for his university and for a semi-professional team. He was so promising a player that he was offered a place in the national under-16 squad to go to the World Cup. Amazingly, he turned this offer down and he decided not to become a professional footballer. Why?

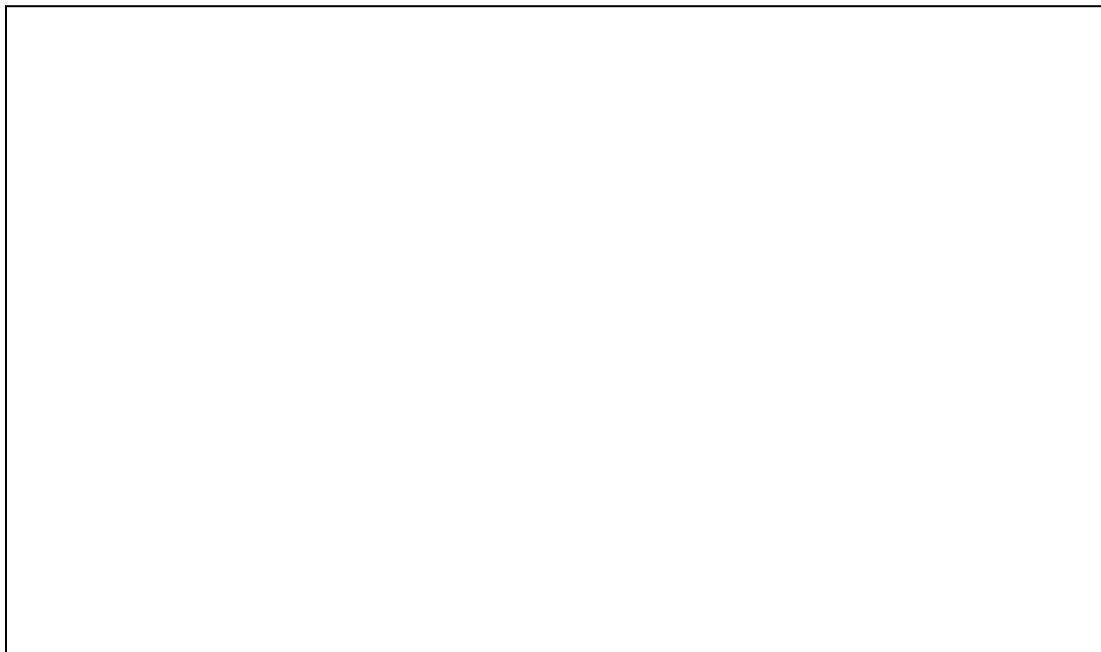
Alexis: Sometimes you have to make your choice and my dad made my choice for me. So basically, he said, you know, 'You concentrate on your studies first and football will come later. My son is going to uni – and that's the end of the matter.' So. I didn't go.

William: If someone concentrates on something, he puts all his energy towards it. Alexis didn't continue his football career because his father made him concentrate on his studies. Alexis said, 'Sometimes you have to make your choice and my dad made my choice for me.' So is Alexis now angry that his dad made him concentrate on his studies and stopped him from playing football?

Alexis: Oh, I think he probably made the right choice for me... because, erm, when I came to England I tried to play professionally, damaged my knee in the process and so ended up not going anywhere in football – so I have to fall back on my education. And I think erm... he probably was wiser than me.

William: Well, Alexis said that his dad probably made the right choice for him. When he came to England later on he damaged his knee and so had to fall back on his education. In this context, 'to fall back on something' means to make use of something when your original plans don't work out. Alexis's father knew that if Alexis got a good education, he would always have that to fall back on if he needed.

Write a paragraph that describe Alexis and his family!



Exercise 2:

Create your own family tree and describe them below!

