

6: SOCIAL NETWORKS

>Asking for more information

Build _____

Work in pairs. Read aloud section A, then section B. Then change places.

A.

1.

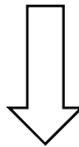
Martha: How many people are there in your family?

Kirk: Four.

2.

Martha: Do you like meeting new people?

Kirk: Sometimes.



B.

Martha: How many people are there in your family?

Kirk: Four.

Martha: You and...?

Kirk: Me, my brother, and my parents.

Martha: Do you like meeting new people?

Kirk: Sometimes.

Martha: Sometimes?

Kirk: It depends who they are. I prefer people my own age.

Style point _____

>You can use 'and?' to get more information, like this:

Martha: You and...? [= you and who else?]

...but not like this:

Martha: Do you have many friends?

Kirk: Yes.

Martha: X Yes and...? X

'... and...?' is a question, so your voice rises.

>*Martha: Sometimes?* [= When?/Which people?]

You can repeat the last word or words of a sentence to get more information or if you don't understand. You can even repeat a whole sentence to get confirmation:

Martha: He doesn't have any friends.

Kirk: He doesn't have any friends? [= Really?]

Exercises

Work in pairs. Choose follow-up questions from the box to complete the conversations below.

What do you mean? Are you shy? Do you live with your grandparents? Brothers? Sisters? Any pets? Sometimes?
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1.

Martha: How many people are there in your family?

Kirk: Four.

Martha:

Kirk: I have an older brother.

2.

Martha: Do you like meeting new people?

Kirk: Sometimes.

Martha:

Kirk: A bit.

Speaking practice _____

Work in pairs. Ask each other the two questions below. Your partner will answer with his or her own information. After each answer ask a follow-up question. Continue the conversation in this way.

1. How many people are there in your family?
2. Do you like meeting new people?

Writing | Free conversation _____

Work on the writing in pairs. Then change partner and ask the questions.

Remember to ask questions about what your partner says.

Family _____

1. Write a question using, 'happy family'.
.....?
2. Write a question using, 'grandfather' or 'grandmother'.
.....?
3. Write a question using, 'aunts', 'uncles', and 'cousins'.
.....?
4. Write a questions using, 'friends', 'closer', and 'family'.
.....?
5. Write a question using, 'family member' and 'biggest influence'.
.....?
6. Write a question using, 'fight' and 'brother', 'sister', 'father', etc.
.....?

Friends

1. Write a question about friends.
.....?
2. Write a question using, 'like to do' and 'friends'
.....?
3. Write a question using, 'friends' and 'same age'.
.....?
4. Write a question using, 'strange friends'.
.....?
5. Write a question using, 'get angry' and 'friends'.
.....?
6. Write a question using, 'break off'.
.....?

Social interaction

1. Write a question about good manners.
.....?
2. Write a question using, 'older people', 'polite', and 'young people'.
.....?
3. Write a question using, 'adults', 'respectful', and 'children'.
.....?
4. Write a question using, 'rude'.
.....?
5. Write a question using, 'social situations' and 'nervous'.
.....?
6. Write a question using, 'social situations' and 'relax'.
.....?