

Year: GCSE Sociology Options

Name of unit: Family

How many weeks: 7

<p>Why do we teach this unit?</p> <p>Students understand how family as an agent of socialisation supports young children into becoming stable adults that play an active role in society.</p> <p>It teaches students the impact of gender roles and the diverse family types that exist in Uk.</p> <p>Students also understand the gender implication on education and the workplace.</p>	<p>What is the main content of this unit?</p> <p>What is a family?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Different types of family in Britain today● Functionalist view of the family● The Marxist view of the family● New Right views on the family● Trends in marriage and the reasons for these changes● The feminist view of the family● Different sociological views about family diversity● The growth in singlehood● Examining the different sociological views on lone- parent families● Changes in divorce rate● Sociological views on divorce● The changing role of men in society and family● Is 'the family' in decline?● Changes in conjugal roles● Changes to family size.● The changing role of children● The dark side of childhood● Power relationships● The role of older people in the family.
<p>Key vocabulary to learn and apply</p> <p><u>Types of families</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Beanpole✓ Boomerang	<p>How do we assess learning in this unit?</p> <p>Lots of formative exam practises.</p> <p>Students answer questions on knowledge, evaluation and application of sociological theories.</p>

- ✓ **Extended families**
- ✓ **Nuclear**
 - o Reasons why nuclear family is decreasing
 - o Reasons why nuclear families are the main type of family
- ✓ **Privatised nuclear family**
- ✓ **Lone parent**
- ✓ **Reconstituted**
- ✓ **Same-sex couple family**
- ✓ **Cohabiting couple family**

Types of marriages

- ✓ Monogamy/Serial monogamy
- ✓ Polygamy
- ✓ Polygyny
- ✓ Polyandry
- ✓ Arranged marriage
- ✓ Civil partnership

Sociological views of the nuclear family

- ✓ **Functionalism** - *Parsons* functions of the nuclear family and why it is ideal
- ✓ **Marxism** - functions of the nuclear family
- ✓ **New Right** - why is the nuclear family ideal
- ✓ **Feminist view** - why the nuclear family is patriarchal

Knowledge checks used to consolidate their learning.

o *Dark side of the family*

Ways for parents to support learning.

- Recall and practise learning - mind maps
- Test vocabulary, including ones on the knowledge organiser
- Websites [GCSE Sociology](#)