

Lesson - 3

Our Family



Arup's house is in, Nazira, Sivsagar. He lives with his father, mother and his sister Namita together in the same house. His father Dinesh Baruah is a Government official. Arup and his sister are quite serious about their studies. Apart from the regular games and sports, Arup and his sister help their mother in household works. They always obey and listen to their parents. When father, mother, brothers and sisters all live together, they are called a **family**.



A family in which father, mother and their children live together is called a **nuclear family**

Discuss about Arup's family in group and say–

- Who are the members of Arup's family? Whom does Arup and his sister listen to?



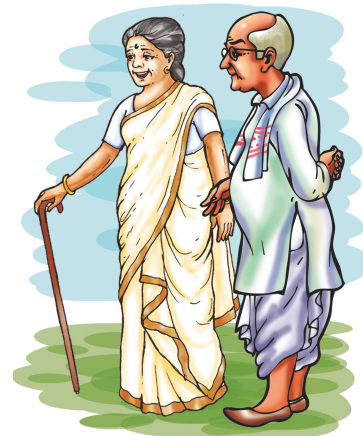
Nayana's house is in Raha in the district of Nagaon. Nayana stays with her father, mother, her brother Chandan, grand father, grand mother, uncle, aunt, her father's sister (aunt) and her uncle's daughter Tulika. Nayana's father works in the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Nagaon. Her uncle is an ideal farmer. Her aunt is a teacher in a nearby primary school. Her elder brother Chandan, her aunt's daughter Tulika and Nayana herself goes to school with Nayana's aunt. In the evening all three of them play with their neighbour Jahanara and Jayanta. In their leisure time



they sometimes play indoor games like ludo, carrom etc. Tulika always wears spectacles because of her poor vision. So everyone takes care of her when they play together. Jahanara has a nerve problem so she cannot walk. Jahanara's father works in Dhubri district and he stays there. Jahanara's mother and her grand parents look after her

➤ Are there any differently abled in your house or in your neighbourhood? If yes, love them, take care of them and support them in their work.

Nayana's grandfather and grandmother love their grandchildren very much. Her grandmother wears mekhela chadar (Assamese traditional dress). Her grandfather wears dhoti-kurta and carries a gamocha around his neck. In the evening, all the children of the house listen to different kinds of stories, songs, lullabies from their grandmother sometimes in the court yard of the house or in grandma's room. Tulika used to fall asleep in grandma's bed listening to lullabies. Everyone in the house loves each other and respects elders.



➤ Write the names of the dresses worn in the days of our grand parents and the dresses worn today.

- Talk to your grandparents about games that they used to play in the older days and complete the table given below. Write down the different games that you play today and the games that your grandmother and grandfather used to play in their days.

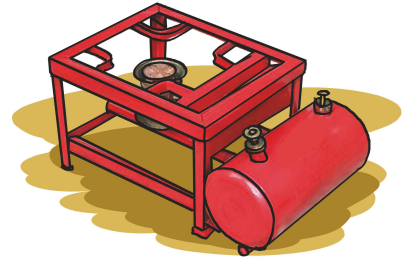
Games of Present time	Games of our grandparents time

Nayana's aunt teaches them music, recitation and drawing. Both the aunts look after the studies of all the children at home. Father, mother, uncle, aunt all sit together and solve family problems by discussing together. Everyone in the house considers Nayana's father as the head of the family.

In all household work from cooking, serving, etc, Nayana's mother takes an upper hand and looks after everything. Both the aunts help her mother in all household work, For cooking they use both firewood and also gas stove. All the members of the family sit together and have food together in the dishes and bowls made of Bellmetal. In this way all the members of Nayana's family cooperate and with each other and live together in harmony.



- What cooking stove is used in your house to cook food? What type of utensils do you have in your house? Make a list and write the names.



Look at the kitchen stoves given above. Which kitchen stove do you have in your house.

- Which of the above stoves is used in your school for preparing mid day meal.
- Based on Nayana's family, answer the following questions-
 - Who are Nayana's family members?
 - Who are the earning members of Nayana's family?
 - Who looks after the studies of Nayana and the other two children in the family?
 - Who is the head man of Nayana's family?
 - Whom does Nayana and the other children take care and look after?
 - Why does Nayana and the other children look after Tulika during play time?

Nayana's family is a **joint family**. In a joint family grandfather, grandmother mother, uncles, aunts, father, mother, cousins all stay together in the same house. In some families, great grandparents and other members also stay together. Grandfather, grandmother, uncle, aunt all are members of a joint family. Sometimes, uncles and their family do not get the opportunity to stay together in the same house due to their service/jobs elsewhere.

- Is your family a nuclear or a joint family? Explain and write.
- Who are there in your house? Who looks after your studies?

Think and say-

- Amal, Bimal and Sumal- these three classmates stay together in a rented house. Can we call them a family? Think and say.

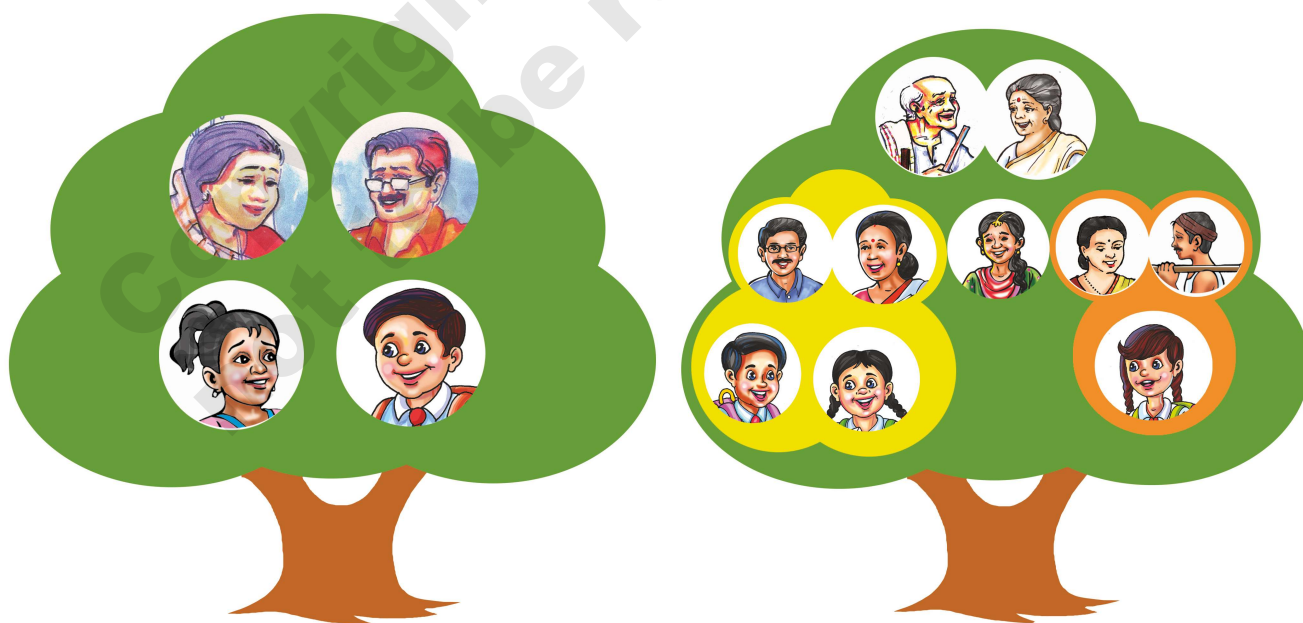
- What kind of food do you eat at home? Write down in the table given below-

Liquid food	Light Refreshment or Snacks	Main course of food
Tea	Kumol sawul (Soft Rice)	Chappati

- What kind of food items is prepared in your house? Discuss in group and write. Give examples of few food items—

- Eaten raw
- Eaten boiled.....
- Eaten fried
- Mashed food

- Looking at the 'family tree' of Nayana and Arup. Draw a family tree of your own family.



Let us know the relationships in a family-

Your Father's-	They are your-	You are their-
Mother-Father	Grand father-Grand mother	Grandson-Grand daughter
Elder brother-Sister-in-law	Uncle-aunt	Nephew-Niece
Elder sister-Brother-in-law	Uncle-aunt	Nephew-Niece
Younger brother-sister-in-law	Elder brother	Nephew-Niece
Nephew-Niece	Elder sister	Brother-sister

Sit in a group, read the given list and try to understand the relationships from your father's side. Discuss the relationships from your mother's side and prepare a similar table.

- Do you have maternal aunt and maternal uncle? Write down the members in your family?

Let us learn-

- A family in which father-mother and their children live together is called a nuclear family.
- For the family to run in a disciplined way, every member of the family should follow some rules and regulations. In order to run the family smoothly, every member should play their own individual role.
- Father-mother or any elder member is considered as the head of that family. He maintains and runs the family. He takes care of his children and also takes important decisions. He arranges all the essential commodities for the family.
- Every member of the family love each other, they respect and trust each other. If there are old and challenged person in the family, they get special care, help and attention from the other members.
- From the elders the children get opportunity to learn and develop good behaviour, good habits to live in a society. Family is a primary unit of the society.

Exercise

1. Write short answers:

- (a) Who runs a family?
- (b) Who are the members of a nuclear family?
- (c) What is a joint family?
- (d) Who takes care of old grandparents in a family?

2. Fill in the blanks

- (a) Family is a primary unit of the _____.
- (b) Every family has its own _____
- (c) Grandmother tells her grandchildren _____
- (d) Children should _____ the elder members of the family.

3. Answer the following-

- (a) Why do we need to take special care of weak and specially abled person of our family.
- (b) What problems would a family face if there is no good relation or closeness among its members?
- (c) What is the role of the head of the family?

4. Write down the relation in one word-

- (a) Mother's brother _____
- (b) Father's father _____
- (c) Elder brother of father _____
- (d) Uncle's elder brother's son _____
- (e) Daughter of aunt's elder sister _____

