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**R** Task 26. Study the words given in the box. Then read the text about typical families from Britain and the USA.

divorce	single	routine	device	marriage
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**British and American Families**

British and American families are small. In fact, the populations of both Britain and the USA have stopped growing. The typical family has a father, mother and two children. Grandparents come to visit, but do not usually live with their children.



Most people get married between the ages of 20 and 23 but many marriages end in divorce. This means that both countries have a large number of "single parent families", one father or mother looking after their children alone.

The typical British family has a car, a colour TV set, a washing machine, and a cat or dog as well. They start the day at about 7 o'clock, have breakfast at 8 and are off to work by 8.30. More and more women now go out to work as well as men. The children have lunch at school at about 12.30, and come home at 4 in the afternoon. Their parents are usually home by 6 o'clock, and the family eats together at 6.30 or 7. In the evenings, father may go to the pub for a drink, or stay at home and watch TV with the others. Children go to bed early, at about 8 o'clock, two or three hours before their parents.

A typical American family has more money than a British family. Many have two or three cars, large modern kitchens and more electrical devices. They eat more meat and spend more on clothes. But their daily routine is nearly the same. Like British children, American children eat lunch at school, come home mid-afternoon, and go to bed earlier than their parents.

**Task 27. Answer the questions according to the information in the text.**

1. Who does the typical British or American family include?
2. What can you say about marriage in young age?
3. What do the British in their house have?
4. How does a typical day of a British family member look like?
5. What is different between the British and American families?
6. What do the British and Americans have in common?

**W** Task 28. What is a typical family in your country? Is it the same as the British or the American one? Write about it in 5-7 sentences. Use these words and phrases.

*the USA*



*the UK*



*Your country*

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family size	marriage age	status	money
hobbies	accommodation	daily routine	travelling