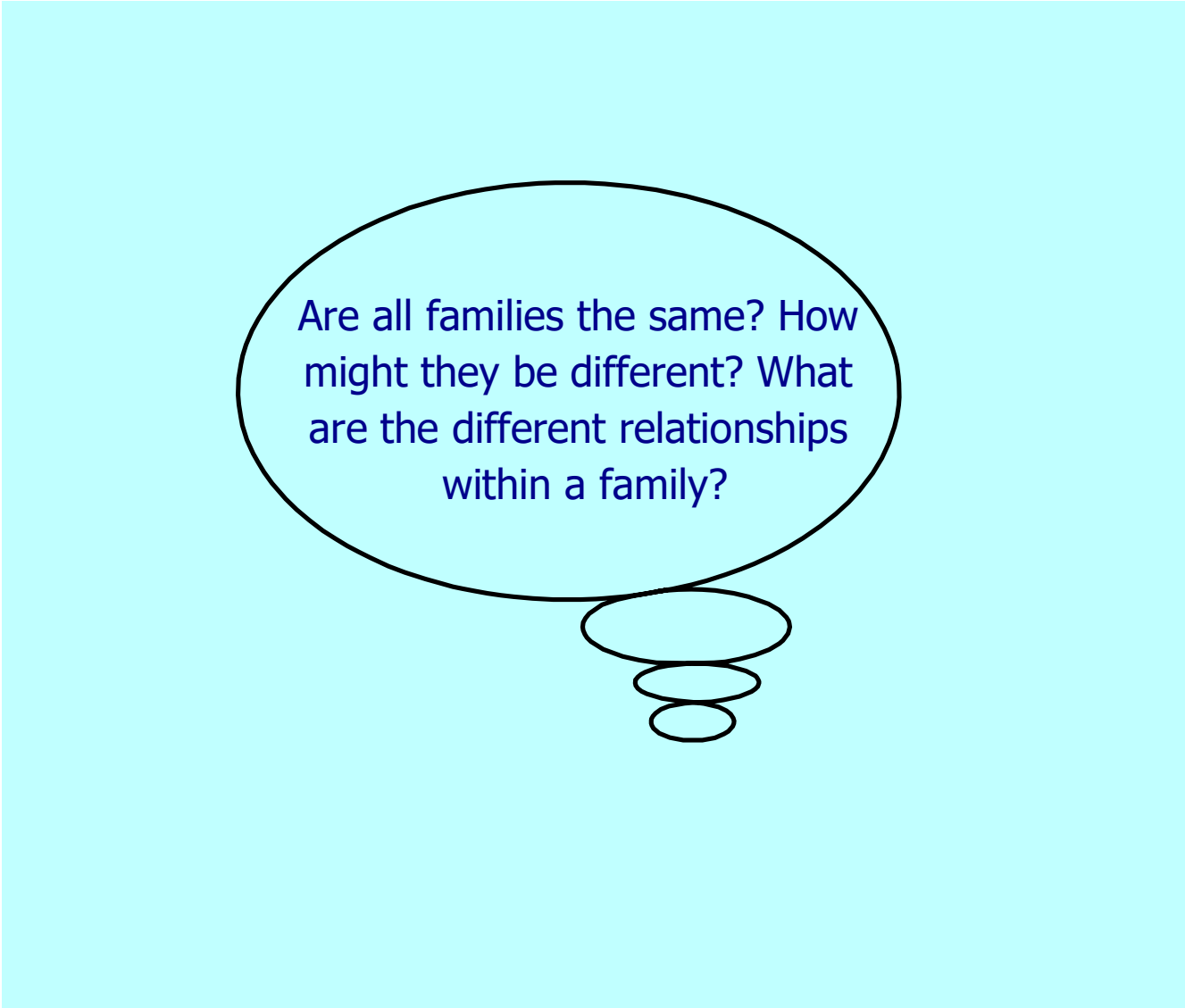


Year 6 Lesson 1:

Changing Family Relationships

Learning Objectives

- To be aware of how families change
- To know roles and responsibilities within family may change
- To know that there are a range of families in society
- To know that marriage is a legal commitment between two people



Are all families the same? How might they be different? What are the different relationships within a family?

Think- Pair-Share

- Two interesting things about your family?
- What different things do members in your family like to do?

Pairs feedback to the class

Discuss how families can be similar and different. Listen respectfully to each other and add your own ideas.

Think- Pair-Share

- Do families always stay the same?
- How might they change?

There are many types of families:

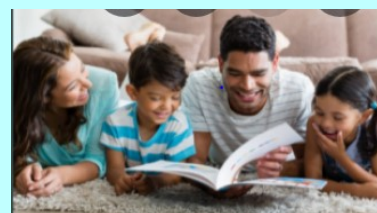
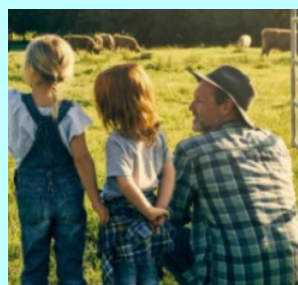
Single parent families

Blended families

Adopted families

Foster families

Same sex parents



Families can be similar and different even in a class group. Some people may have **half-siblings**: this is where you share one of the same parents e.g. you may share the same dad as your half-brother but have a different mom.

Some people may have **step-siblings**: this is where your parent might marry somebody who already has children. You aren't biologically related but you are still part of a family.

Activity - Discussion

How do people cope with change in families?

- siblings moving to go to university,
- elderly grandparents coming to stay,
- a new baby.

So, what key characteristics are important during a time of change?

The Family Unit

For most people, a family unit is a **supportive** unit who look out for each other in times of stress or celebration.

What ways might families strengthen their bonds?

Think, Pair, Share.

When people want to start a family of their own, what sort of things do they need to think about? What roles do different people in the family do? What might their responsibilities be?

People in close relationships support each other through love, care, communication and responsibilities. Some couples choose to show their commitment to each other through **marriage**. Some couples decide they are happily committed as they are.

What is marriage? Might people get married?

It may be because of their religious belief or that they want to show their commitment in Law.

A Family Tree

What does a family tree show?



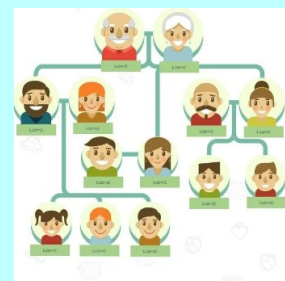
Who are the different family members that you can see?

Activity:

In groups, **design a family, on a large piece of paper.**

Choose:

- the amount of family members
- how they are related
- whether there are any marriages
- this may include step families
- may include different surnames



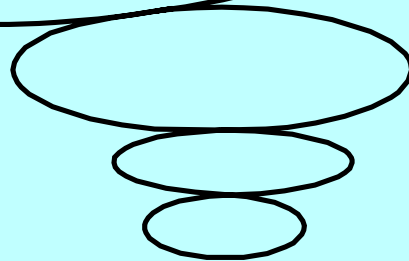
Remember:

- every member should discuss their thoughts
- contributions should be respected!

Reflection Time...

What do you appreciate about your family?

Is there anything that today's lesson has made you consider that you have not really thought about before?



Remember that we **must** respect one another's opinions. Expressing an opinion, if it is offensive and harmful, can be *illegal* if it incites hatred.

Remember there is a difference between having a personal opinion or religious belief, and the law. We must all be respectful and **tolerant** of others. We are all different and that is what makes us all wonderful. Learning about other people, other cultures and other lifestyles is what makes us compassionate and tolerant.