

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

- OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Do you have anything in common with the people and their families?
- Read the text about Pasha. Then watch the video from 0:11–0:26 and underline the words you hear.

Hello. My name is Pasha. I work ¹*in/for* the BBC and I do a lot of DJing in my ²*free/spare* time. Originally, I ³*come/am* from Moscow, but most of my family ⁴*live/lives* in New York now. Today I'm ⁵*speaking/talking* to people about their ⁶*families/relatives*. Tell me about your family.

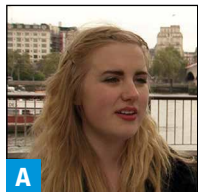


Glossary: DJ = disc jockey
DJing = being a DJ

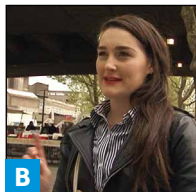
- Read the places and nationalities below. Then watch the video from 0:28–3:26 and number the words in the order you hear them. **THREE** words are said twice.

Brighton <u> 1 </u>	England (x2) <u> 2 </u> + _____
Toronto _____	Mexican _____
Ireland _____	the north west of England _____
Canada (x2) _____ + _____	Northern Ireland _____
London _____	Mexico _____
Belfast _____	Scottish (x2) _____ + _____
Irish _____	southwest Scotland _____

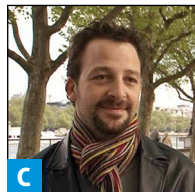
- Tell me about your family. Look at pictures A–F and watch the video from 0:28–1:35. Match statements 1–6 to the correct people.



Tracey



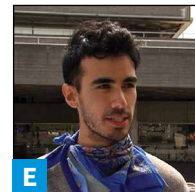
Brogan



Paul



Elizabeth



Nicholas



Michael

- Who lives near his parents?
- Whose parents have lived in England for 25 years?
- Who has six younger brothers and sisters? A
- Whose father passed away 20 years ago?
- Who has a very good relationship with her sister?
- Who gets on very well with her brothers?

Glossary: passaway = die

- 5** In what ways are you like your parents or siblings? Look at the people and read the statements about them. Then watch the video from 1:36–2:38 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.

Glossary: *siblings* = brothers and sisters



Tracey

- 1** Tracey is taller than her mother. F
- 2** Tracey looks and behaves like her mother.



Paul

- 3** Paul's very much like his sister.
- 4** He thinks he's conscientious.



Brogan

- 5** Brogan's thinner than her sister.
- 6** Her mother's more reserved than her father.



Nicholas

- 7** Nicholas is passionate like his father.
- 8** Nicholas is passionate like his mother.



Elizabeth

- 9** Elizabeth's different from her brothers.
- 10** Her brothers are similar to their dad.

Glossary: *conscientious* = careful to do the things that need doing
reserved = don't like to talk about or show emotions and feelings
passionate = show strong feelings, e.g. love, anger

6 What do you know about your family history? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 2:40–3:27 and delete the wrong words.



Brogan

1 My name's Brogan, and it's supposed to *come from/be* Scottish or Irish, but I have no idea where it's really *of/from*.



Paul

- 2 My family history goes quite, quite a long way back on my *mother's/father's* side.
- 3 ... she and her twin *sister/brother* were adopted and we've only managed to go back one generation to the northwest of England.



Michael

- 4 I actually started to retrace my family *history/roots* last year, so I went to Northern Ireland, to Belfast ...
- 5 Found the house that my great-grandfather *built/lived in* and where my grandfather *was born/born*.



Tracey

- 6 I don't know very much *of/about* my family history but I'd like to look into it in *the/-* future.

Glossary: *adopted* = legally make someone else's child your own
generation = people of about the same age
retrace = find out about
look into = find out the truth about something

7 THE WAY WE SPEAK: The people in the pictures describe and compare members of their family. Watch the video from 1:38–2:22 and complete what they say.



Tracey

I look ¹ *a lot* like my mum: we have, like, the same height and build and face structure. And, I ² _____ I have the same traits ³ _____ her. We, sort of, have a very ⁴ _____ personality in the way we think about things, the way we express ourselves.



Paul

I ⁵ _____ think I'm very much like my sister; I think she's very different ⁶ _____ me. I think I'm similar ⁷ _____ my father: we ⁸ _____ have a mathematical, 'science type' mind...



Brogan

Um, I look ⁹ _____ a lot like my sister. But she's ¹⁰ _____ a younger version of me. And she's thinner. And then, my mum, she's a ¹¹ _____ more reserved, so she's very organised and my dad is ¹² _____ louder, a lot more enthusiastic.

Glossary: *we have, like, the same height* = a slang word with no real meaning that is used a lot in spoken English, esp. by young people. It gives the speaker time to pause and think
build = body shape and size
sort of = when what you say is partly, but perhaps not exactly, true
trait = characteristic
enthusiastic = get excited about things

8 PERSONALISATION: Write *your* answers to the questions.

1 What's your family like?

2 In what ways are you like your parents or siblings?

3 What do you know about your family history? Would you like to find out more?
