

Progress checklist: Families

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How confident are you in your understanding of each of the following topic areas? For each topic area, place a tick (✓) in the appropriate box and then add a written comment about your particular strengths or any areas that you need to develop. Also note down any questions or points that you would like to discuss with your teacher.

Topic area	Very confident	Quite confident	Not at all confident	Comments
Definitions of 'family'				
Different types of family in the UK				
Alternatives to families in the UK today				
Changing family and household settings over the course of an individual's life				
Links between families, households, ethnicity and social class				
Different types of family diversity including the work of the Rapoport				
Different families within a global context				
The functionalist perspective on the family				
Parsons' views on the functions of the nuclear family				
The Marxist perspective on the family including the work of Zaretsky				
Feminist perspectives on the family including the work of Delphy and Leonard				
Conjugal role relationships in the past				
Young and Willmott's work on the symmetrical family				

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Debates on whether the symmetrical family is reality or myth				
The distribution of power between partners in relationships				
Oakley's work on conventional families				
Changing relationships between parents and their children				
Changing relationships with the wider family				
Changes in family and household structures				
Trends in lone-parent families				
Changing patterns of fertility				
Different forms of marriages in a global context				
Changing patterns of marriage				
Changing patterns of divorce				
The consequences of divorce				
Contemporary family-related issues				
Different methods used to research families				