



# Families of the World



Where can you relax and be yourself? The answer is probably at home with your family. Family is important in our everyday life. It helps us shape our personality; it teaches us love and care.

### Big family VS Small family

How many people are there in your family? Most families have a father, mother and child. But it can be different in other countries.

In many Asian countries, big families are common. Families usually have three or more generations living together. When parents are busy

with work, grandparents help with the housework and take care of children.

While in the West, many people prefer a small family: only parents and children. During the daytime, working parents take their children to grandparents' house. And after work, they bring their children back home. Some families are even DINK(double income, no kids).

### Family Home VS Old People's Home

Your parents look after when you are young. Of course, you need to look after them when they

are old. But is that the same in the East and West?

In China, it is a tradition for adult children to look after their old parents. During festivals or parents' birthdays, their children usually buy gifts or give them some money. When parents can't take care of themselves, children should look after them.

But Western children don't always give money to their parents. Most of them choose to give gifts. When their parents can't look after themselves, children usually take them to an old people's home. So workers there can look after them.



## 一、根据背景文章, 完成下列表格

	Asian Countries	Western Countries
Family	big	
Festival		
When parents can't look after themselves		

## 二、根据背景文章, 回答问题

- In China, which is more common, the small families or the big families?  
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- What will the working parents do during the daytime?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What will most of children do on their parents' birthday in America?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Are the attitudes of families the same in the East and the West?  
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- Do you need to look after your parents when they are old?  
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## 三、阅读下列文章, 选择最佳答案

Every year there is a Spring Festival in China. Usually it is in January or February. It is the most important festival in China. So before it comes, everyone has to prepare things. They buy pork, beef, chicken, fruits and many other things. And they often make a special kind of food – 'dumplings'. It means 'come together'.

On the day before the festival, parents buy new clothes for their children. Children also buy presents for their parents. On the Spring Festival Eve, all the family members come back to their hometown. This is a happy moment. Some sing and dance, some play cards and others get the dinner ready. When they enjoy the meal, they give each other the best wishes for the coming year. They all have a good time.

- ( ) 1. Which is the most important festival in China?  
A. The Mid-Autumn Festival. B. The Spring Festival.  
C. Children's Day. D. Tomb Sweeping Day.
- ( ) 2. When is the Chinese Spring Festival usually celebrated?  
A. In March or April. B. In May or June.  
C. In January or February. D. In April or May.
- ( ) 3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the special kind of food for the Spring Festival in China.  
A. Chicken B. Dumpling C. Fish D. Beef
- ( ) 4. What's the meaning of the food 'dumplings'?  
A. Look up. B. Help yourself.  
C. Come together. D. Good luck.
- ( ) 5. The family \_\_\_\_\_ when having dinner together on the Spring Festival Eve.  
A. give each other the best wishes B. buy each other presents  
C. sing, dance and play cards D. have big parties

### 参考答案

#### 一、根据背景文章, 完成下列表格

	Asian Countries	Western Countries
Family	big	small
Festival	children usually buy gifts or give parents some money	most of children choose to give parents gifts
When parents can't look after themselves	children should look after them	children usually take them to an old people's home

#### 二、根据背景文章, 回答问题

- In China big families is more common.
- They are busy with work.
- They choose to give parents gifts.
- They are different.
- Yes, I need.

#### 三、阅读下列文章, 选择最佳答案 1-5 BCBCA

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