

## Listening and speaking

### A world in one family

1 Do you know anyone who has married someone of another nationality? Do they have children? What languages do they all speak? Tell the class.

2 Look at the photo of the family. There are *three* nationalities in the family. How can this be?



3 2.8 Listen to **Nicolas** talking about his family. Read and answer the questions. Circle the numbers of any questions you cannot answer.

- 1 What nationality are Nicolas, his sister Sara, and his parents Felipe and Elke?
- 2 How did Nicolas' parents meet? Why did they decide to live in England? Which city do they live in now?
- 3 What languages does the family speak?
- 4 Is Nicolas' English better than his parents'?
- 5 Why did their mother choose the children's names she did?
- 6 When and why did Nicolas first think about his nationality?
- 7 Why is Nicolas not as fluent as Sara in Portuguese?
- 8 What does Sara do for a living? Does she want to continue living in England?
- 9 What is Nicolas doing now? What language skill does he find most difficult?
- 10 What does Elke think are the pros and cons of bringing up children in another country?

4 2.9 Now listen to Nicolas' mother, **Elke**. Answer the questions that you circled in exercise 3. Which answer would you change after listening to Elke?

### What do you think?

What do you think are the pros and cons of bringing up a family in a different country? Make two lists.

You get the best from two cultures.

You don't feel completely at home in either of them.

## Vocabulary What's in a word?

These exercises will help you to think about how you learn vocabulary.

### Meaning from context

- 1 Do you know what these words mean? *Don't* look in a dictionary!
  - trace
  - settle
  - flawless
  - abruptly
- 2 These sentences all contain the nonsense word *uggy*. In which sentence is *uggy* used as: a **verb**, an **adjective**, a **noun**, or an **adverb**?
  - 1 Anne's piano playing was *uggy* – she didn't get a single note wrong.
  - 2 After moving around between many different countries, we decided to *uggy* in Canada, and bought a house there.
  - 3 It came as a shock when the play ended so *uggily* – I wasn't expecting it to end there.
  - 4 Mario's English is so good you could almost think he *was* English, but sometimes you can hear *uggies* of an Italian accent.

Can you guess what *uggy* means in the four sentences? Which of the words in exercise 1 go into each sentence?

### Pronunciation

3 Say these words aloud. Underline the word in each group with the different vowel sound.

- 1 /əʊ/ or /ʌ/ rose goes does toes
- 2 /i:/ or /eɪ/ meat beat great street
- 3 /eɪ/ or /e/ paid made played said
- 4 /ʌ/ or /əʊ/ done phone none won

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4 Say these words aloud. Underline the stressed syllable.

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