



Listening – me and my parents

7 Work with a partner. Look at the photos of the families.

- Which decade do you think each is?
- How old are these children now?
- What do you think the relationships between the children and parents were like?

8  9.6 Listen to four people talking about their relationship with their parents. Who had a good relationship? Who didn't? Why?

9  9.6 These lines are similar to what the people said. Which lines can be expressed in a different way? Which can't? Listen again. What are the people's actual words?

1 **Kathryn**

- We did a lot together as a family.
- We used to go on walks, and have picnics.
- Once he bought me a necklace with a heart ... just cheap, but I loved it.
- My mother said he was spoiling us.

2 **Michael**

- My dad drove me mad.
- He kept telling me to get my hair cut.
- She used to get angry when I picked at food.
- When I was 16, I suddenly shot up. I'm 6ft 5" now.

3 **Jonny**


- My mum always nagged me. She used to tell me to get off my computer.
- She was all put out when I used to shut myself away in my room.
- We didn't use to talk much in our family.
- My wife always asks me about my childhood.

4 **Gillian**

- I told her everything, well, nearly everything.
- She talked to me very openly.
- My dad left when I was three.
- We used to go out shopping.

Talking about you

10 Talk to your partner about your parents and your family life, past and present.

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