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IT TAKES ALL SORTS

Everybody knows how to raise children, except the people who have them.

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UNIT LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Vocabulary:

- Show what you know – compound nouns – family
- family, celebrations and religious ceremonies
- verb-noun collocations
- common phrases
- dependent prepositions
- word families
- Word in focus – take

Grammar:

- Past Perfect Simple and Continuous
- relative clauses

Listening:

- a talk by a neuroscientist
- sentence completion

Reading:

- a literary extract and a news report about mysterious events
- multiple choice

Speaking:

- telling a personal anecdote

Writing:

- an article

FOCUS EXTRA

- Grammar Focus pp. 131–132
- WORD STORE booklet pp. 4–5
- Workbook pp. 22–35 or MyEnglishLab
- MP3s – www.english.com/focus

2.1 Vocabulary

Family • Celebrations • Religious ceremonies • Verb-noun collocations • Common phrases

I can talk about families and describe ceremonies.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 Cross out the family word which cannot be used with the underlined part-word.

1 <u>ex</u> - wife / boyfriend / nephew	4 <u>single</u> mother / daughter / parent
2 <u>great</u> - child / uncle / grandson	5 <u>step</u> father / children / husband
3 <u>half</u> brother / niece / sister	6 <u>god</u> mother / cousin / son
- 2 In pairs, form other words with the underlined part-words in Exercise 1. Choose words to describe different people in your family.
My great-grandmother lives in Cardiff. She is ninety and ...
- 3 Look at the photos and read the title and introduction of the article. What does *coming of age* mean?

a getting married	b becoming an adult	c having a party
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Coming-of-age ceremonies

Most countries have customs that celebrate young people's journey into adulthood. This is how they do it in two very different cultures.

In Japan, we have a festival
5 called Seijin-no-hi and it takes place on every second Monday of January. Anyone who has their twentieth birthday in that
10 year celebrates on that day.

For the young men and women taking part, it's a once in a lifetime experience. The highlight
15 of everyone's day is seeing the young women in their kimonos. Women wear a special kimono made of brightly coloured silk,

20 with long sleeves. Men get dressed up in formal suits.

The day is divided into several stages. First, everyone goes to the town hall to listen to speeches made by government officials. After that, people usually go to a shrine with members of their family. On my coming-of-age day, there were three generations of my family there, including distant relatives and great-
25 grandparents who were in their nineties. I was showered with gifts and by the end of the day, my wallet was full of money – I'm an only child, so I was really spoilt. After the formalities are over, the rest of the day is for fun. I had a meal with my extended family, and then I met up with my friends for a big party. I had the time of my life.

