

# Families Around the World





All over the world people have families. The people in our families help us in many ways. They can make us feel safe and cared for. Who is in your family?



Families come in all shapes and sizes.

Some families have lots of children, while others may have none. Each family is unique. Some people might even consider their pet a part of their family.





In many parts of the world a household is shared by the entire family. If you visited, you might find aunts, uncles, grandparents, children, and parents all living in the same house. One big happy family.

Thailand



Thailand





In other parts of the world, you may see that members of a family each have their own home. Sometimes family members have homes in the same neighborhood, town, or village, while other families may have members who live far away.  
Do you have family members who live far away?



Sometimes, family members may gather in one place to eat meals together or to celebrate special events like birthdays, weddings, or holidays.



Romania



Romania



People in a family help each other in different ways.  
In many families, adults help children learn new things.  
They may also pass on family traditions and stories from one generation to the next.





Sometimes children help the adults, too. Each member of a family is important and fulfills a needed role. In what way do you help your family?





In some families, the older brothers and sisters help care for the younger ones. Children can help their families by doing chores, such as cleaning, cooking, or gathering water.





Families are the people who are there for us when we need them.



Panama



Dominican Republic





Ecuador

Families help make us who we are. They are an important part of our lives.



Ecuador



How is your family special?



Dominican Republic