The word ‘family’ has many different meanings. People have many ways of defining a family and what being part of a family means to them. However, what every family has in common is that the people who call it a family are making clear that those people are important to them in some way. For many the word ‘family’ means to feel secure, to have someone who they can count on and a group of people who can share their problems and achievements with each other.

ROLL UP, ROLL UP! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

This week you will take on the role of a journalist finding out about your family. Journalists often talk about the job of a headline in a newspaper being to ‘tell and sell.’ Headlines sell stories to readers by grabbing their attention and giving them a snappy insight into what the article will be about. Headlines often use puns (a play on words) or alliteration (when words that start with the same sound are used close together in a phrase or sentence). They should be short, grab the reader’s attention and relate to the story.

Look at the images below. Write a catchy headline that you think works best to ‘tell and sell’ the story!
Main Activity

Today you are a journalist and your editor has picked you to write the front page article! Your job? To interview a family member and write an article based on what you find out.

Your article needs to include:
- A headline
- A photograph
- A caption
- The main story

When you write your article, you can use the template on the next page or create your own!

The Interview!

Your first task is to conduct a family member interview. Remember that a member of your family can be anybody. It might be somebody in your immediate family (like your parents, step-parents or siblings), a family friend, or it might be a neighbour that you consider to be family. You can use the answers to several of the interview questions to write your article, or you can choose one of interest and tell us the whole story!

Here are some example questions that you can use:
- What is your favourite childhood memory?
- What is your most embarrassing childhood memory?
- Describe your first job and what you enjoyed most about it.
  - Who are some of your heroes, and why?
  - Tell me about your favourite holiday.
- Tell me about the places that make you happiest.
- What world events had the most impact on you while you were growing up?
  - What accomplishments are you most proud of?
  - What’s the most courageous thing you’ve ever done?
- Using one word, how would you describe your family?
- What is the best part of being a member of your family?

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