**My Family**

**ABOUT ME AND MY FAMILY**

**1. Прочитайте и переведите текст.**

Our family is not very large. I have a father, a mother, a brother and a sister. We all live together in a new flat in one of the industrial districts of Kazan.

My father Igor Ivanovich is 45 years old. He is a tall and well-built man with short black hair and grey eyes. He works at a big industrial plant as an engineer. He likes his work and spends most of his time there. By character my father is a quiet man, while my mother is energetic and talkative. Her name is Olga Petrovna. She is a teacher of music and plays the piano well. She is intelligent, patient and always ready to help. I've got good relations with my mum. She is always interested in what I do, and I can always ask her for advice. I love her very much though I love my father not less.

My sister’s name is Alia. She has blue eyes and lovely fair hair. She is a very good-looking girl. Alia is three years younger than me. She is a pupil of the 9th form. She does well at school and gets only good and excellent marks. Alia has a good sense of humour and is very popular with her friends at parties.

My name is Nina. I’m 17 years old. I resemble my mother in appearance but take after my father in nature. People say I'm an easy-going person. I have many friends. They come to my place very often.

Our family is very united. We like to spend time together and help our mother about the house. In the evenings we watch TV, read books and newspapers, listen to music or just discuss everyday problems. Our parents don't always agree with us but they take into consideration our opinion. All of us like to spend our week-ends out of town. We often go to the village to see our grandparents. They are old-age pensioners now but prefer to live in the country.

I also have some other relatives: uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends. We are happy when we are together. It is really very important to have a good family where all people are tactful, helpful, tolerant and respect each other. In such families children get on well with their parents. They are confident, willingly share domestic duties, joys and difficulties, views and opinions. In happy families parents are not bossy and never dominate their children. They teach them to communicate with different people in different situations. It’s nice to have a good family.

**2. Ответьте на вопросы.**

1. How old are you?

2. Are you married?

3. Have you got a family of your own?

4. Do you live together with your parents?

5. Is your family large or small?

6. What are your parents?

7. Are you an only child in the family?

8. Is your sister (brother) older or younger than you?

9. What is your sister's (brother's) occupation?

10. Do you help your mother to keep the house?

11. Have you got grandparents?

12. Why is it important to have a good family?

13. Have you got any other close relatives?

14. Do you often see them?

15. What do you usually do in the evenings?

16. Do you spend your week-ends together with your parents?

**3. Составьте рассказ о своей семье.**