

CLASS - III

SUBJECT - SOCIAL STUDIES

CHAPTER - 1 - MY FAMILY AND I

A family is a group of people who are related to each other by birth. They may or may not live together. Members of a family love and support each other. They take care of each other's needs.

Different kinds of families



▲ A nuclear family



▲ A joint family



▲ A single parent family

Families are of different kinds:

(A nuclear family is the one where father, mother and kids stay together.)

(A joint family has many members staying together in a house. It has parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins.)

A single parent family is the one in which children live either with their father or mother.

Let's Do It

Find out the type of family you have. Also talk to your parents and find out the type of family they lived in when they were young.



It is always fun when the whole family spends time together. Going for a picnic with the whole family creates a strong family bond.

Family members

- The relatives from your father's side are your paternal relatives.
- The relatives from your mother's side are your maternal relatives.
- Your parent's parents are your grandparents.
- You are your grandparent's grandchild.

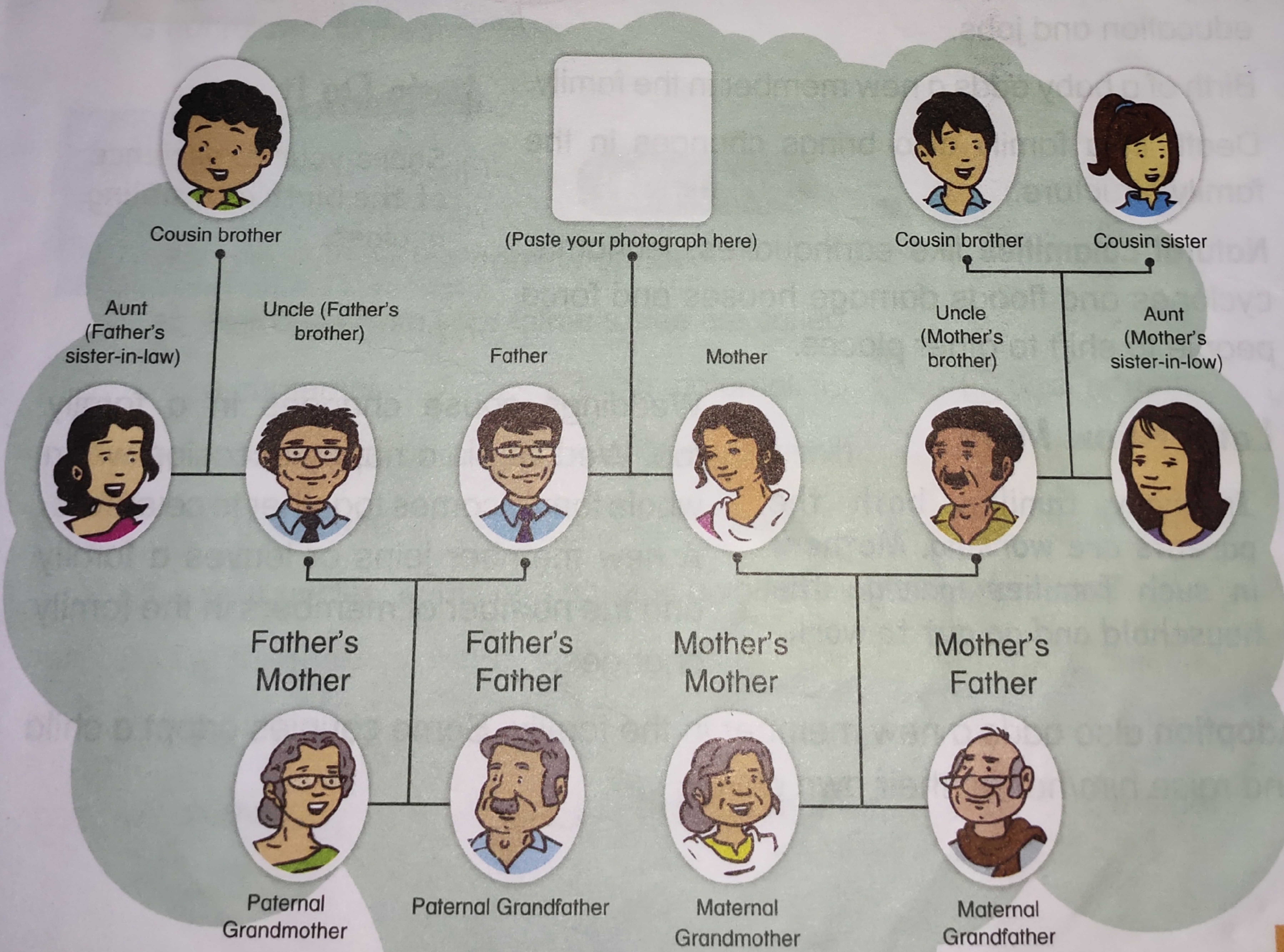


Let's Do It

Make your own family tree. Collect information about at least three generations of your family. Paste their pictures and surprise them by sending birthday cards.

Family tree

(A family tree is a drawing or a chart that tells us how family members are related to each other.) It shows the relationship between the different



members of a family through pictures and names. A family tree starts with the grandparents. They are the first **generation**. Our uncles, aunts and parents belong to the second generation. Our cousins and we belong to the third generation.

Changing times, changing families

Earlier, people used to live in a joint family where more than two generations lived under one roof. Joint families are now disappearing with changing times and nuclear families are becoming popular.

Some reasons for these changes are:

Relocation of families happen when people move out in search of better education and jobs.

Birth of a baby adds a new member in the family.

Death in a family also brings changes in the family structure.

Natural calamities like earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones and floods damage houses and force people to shift to other places.

Let's Know More

In many families both the parents are working. Mothers in such families manage the household and go out to work.

Adoption also adds a new member in the family. Some couples adopt a child and raise him/her as their own child.



Let's Do It

Share your experience of the birth of a sibling in class.

Weddings cause changes in a family too. Wedding is a happy occasion when whole family comes together to celebrate. A new member joins or leaves a family and the number of members in the family changes.