

An aerial, high-angle photograph of London, England, showing the River Thames winding through the city. The Houses of Parliament and the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben) are prominent on the left side. The city skyline is visible in the background under a hazy sky. The text "Family life in Great Britain" is overlaid in the center in a yellow, italicized serif font.

*Family life in
Great Britain*

The English are a nation of stay-at-home. “There is no place like home”, they say. And when the man is not working he is at home in the company of his wife and children and busies himself with the affairs of the home.





A “typical” British family used to consist of mother, father and two children, but in recent years there have been many changes in family life. Some of these have been caused by new laws and others are the result of changes in society.



Another change has been caused by the fact that people are living longer nowadays, and many old people live alone following the death of their partners.

You might think that marriage and the family are not so popular as they once were. However, the majority of divorced people marry again, and they sometimes take responsibility for a second family.



Christmas is the traditional season for reunions. Although the family group is smaller nowadays than it used to be, relatives often travel many miles in order to spend the holiday together.

