

# Family – Step 2

## Information for teachers

### What we are going to learn today (learning outcomes)

The intention of the learning outcomes is to link to the content of the animation.

- Why family members sometimes argue or ‘fall out’.
- What to do if you have a disagreement or an argument with a family member
- What happens when families separate, get divorced or no longer live together.
- The importance of ensuring you are safe in your family.

Hopefully the animation will generate some questions from the students. Below are the suggested discussion points. These are not an exhaustive list and the students may want to talk about something else. Feel free to cover as many or as few points as time permits. The numbered questions below are accompanied by follow-ups, or prompts, in the event discussion is slow.

### Class or Small Group Discussion Points

- 1. Do you have any questions about the animation?**  
(NB if so, ask the class if they have any answers).
- 2. Why might families sometimes argue?**
  - a. It is normal to argue - life stressors, differences in opinion.
  - b. What things can you think of which may lead to disagreements with your family?
- 3. What can you do to manage an argument you have with a family member?**
  - a. It is important to listen to their opinion - what listening skills could you use?
  - b. Explaining your opinion without being argumentative - not shouting, communicating your feelings, being understanding of other opinions.
  - c. How might your body language look like?
- 4. What is divorce or separation in families?**
  - a. Divorce is when a married couple legally separate. This means they are no longer legally married.
  - b. Separation happens when a couple decide they no longer want to be in a relationship together and may decide to live separately.
  - c. There are many reasons families may separate - parents may feel differently about each other or maybe it is safer for family members to live apart. It is important to remember that they still love you the same.
- 5. What might happen to you if your family separates?**
  - a. Some family members may move to live in another place – e.g. one parent may move to another house.

- b. You may live in the same place with one parent, or sometimes you may move to a new house.
  - c. Sometimes a family member may change their surname.
6. **How do you know you are safe at home?**
- a. What does feeling safe and loved look like?
  - b. What may be indicators you are not safe at home?
7. **Who might you talk to if you do not feel safe?**
- a. Think of a trusted person you could speak to about any concerns you have with your safety or family life.

The children have a short workbook that they should complete (time permitting) in class or they can take home.

## Here are some other resources that might prove useful

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