A big family

= where there are many people in the family

"Big families are common in my country."

A small family

= where there aren't many people in the family

"She comes from a small family."

A close family

= where you spend lots of time with your family because you get on well with them

"I'm lucky that I'm from a close family."

A young family

= where the children are young

"These houses are suitable for young families as they have gardens."

An only child

= where there's only one child in the family

"She had nobody to play with because she was an only child."

A family member

= someone in your family

"All the family members came to the wedding."

A pet dog

= a pet in your family

"When I was a child, we had a pet dog."

Immediate family

= your close (not distant) relatives

"Only the immediate family attended his graduation."

A distant relative

= someone in your family who isn't a close relative

"I met some distant relatives when I went to the wedding."

Be like

= be similar to

"You're very like your brother!."

Look like

= share physical characteristics

"He looks like his father. They're both tall and slim."

Take after

= inherit characteristics from someone in your family

"She definitely takes after her mother."

A family holiday

= when you go on holiday with your family

"They always go to the seaside for a family holiday."

The royal family

= the family of the king / queen

"Everyone's very interested in the royal family."

Family history

= when there's an inherited illness in your family

"Do you have a family history of heart problems?"

Have a family

= start to have children

"She's always wanted to have a family."