

Moving On—

Sample Conversations



Work in groups of four or five for this activity. Here are some of the features that are special about the way people talk when they are within the family. Add any other ideas from the list which you collected during the previous activity.

*Features of Family Talk*

- A You can talk about ordinary, everyday things.
- B You can talk about things that have happened that day.
- C You can talk about people you know.
- D You can join in more and say what you really think.
- E You can talk about different subjects at once.
- F You can interrupt the conversation if you want to.
- G You can talk personally if you want to.
- H You can sort out problems and get advice and understanding.
- I You can talk in confidence if you need to.
- J You can have family discussions and conferences to plan and organise things.
- K
- L
- M

Here are some samples of short family conversations. Read them aloud in your group, with each person taking a part. Examples from the list of *Features of Family Talk* are given alongside each sample conversation. Discuss them to make sure you understand each feature and how it applies in the sample conversation.