

transcript

level 1

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Richard's family

Jackie: In this week's podcast Richard's going to talk about members of his family. There are two photographs here and Richard's going to tell me who the pictures are of. In the first picture Richard, there's you and two ladies. Who are the two ladies?

Richard: Yes, they are my mother, my mum, and my aunt.

Jackie: But they look both the same!

Richard: Yes, they are twins.

Jackie: So they were born on the same day?

Richard: They were born on exactly the same day, about eighty years ago.

Jackie: Eighty years old! So which one is your mum, then?

Richard: My mum is the one on the right, and obviously my aunt, my aunty Beryl, she's on the left. And I'm in the middle.

Jackie: When people meet your mum and aunty Beryl is it difficult for them to know who is who?

Richard: Er... Not if they meet them together. But I remember when I was growing up a lot of my friends would come up to ...er my aunt when she was on her own and they'd think that she was my mum, and so they would start talking to her. And of course she had no idea who these people were! And I think this used to happen all the time.

Jackie: So, in the second picture is that your mum or aunty Beryl?

Richard: That's my mum.

Jackie: And who are the other people in the picture?

Richard: Well, that's my sister, ...er my sister Sue and her family.

Jackie: Right, and what's the name of her husband?

Richard: Well, her husband, he's ...um... behind Sue, his name is Kevin.

- Jackie: OK, so Sue's in the middle and Kevin's behind her and then there are two children in the picture, who are they?
- Richard: Yes, well in between my mum and my sister, ...er that's my nephew Jack. Um... He is eighteen years old and then on the right of the picture that's ...er Joanne, she's my niece and she's sixteen.
- Jackie: What does your sister do?
- Richard: She ...um... works for the government; she's ...er a secretary.
- Jackie: And what does Kevin do?
- Richard: He's ...er an architect.
- Jackie: And do both your nephew and niece, do they both go to school?
- Richard: Yes, they're both at school and actually this summer Jack has just passed ...um... his A levels [which] we have in England and so he's going to university in ...er September I think.
- Jackie: And ...um... is aunty Beryl married? Do you have any cousins?
- Richard: Er... no, no cousins. She is married but my aunt and my uncle they don't have any children so I don't have any cousins.
- Jackie: And where is aunty Beryl?
- Richard: [laughs] I think she took the photo!