

# 2c | Still at home

## SPEAKING

- 1 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions about your country.
  - How old are people when they leave the family home?
  - How old are people when they get married?

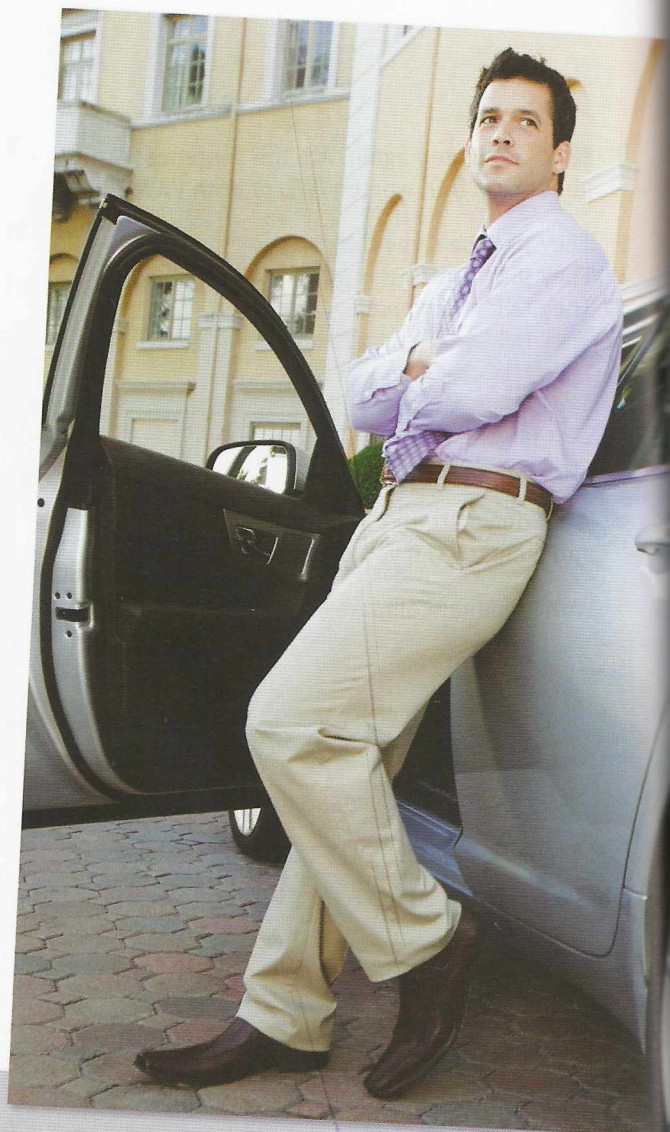
## READING

- 1 Read the article about the Castle family. What is the problem?
- 2 Read the sentences and underline the correct words.
  - 1 Andy *is* / *isn't* 32 years old.
  - 2 Andy *has* / *doesn't have* a car.
  - 3 His mother *wants* / *doesn't want* Andy to live at home.
  - 4 Emily *lives* / *doesn't live* with Andy.
  - 5 Andy *is* / *isn't* married.
  - 6 His father *loves* / *doesn't love* Andy.
  - 7 Andy *likes* / *doesn't like* his house.
- 3 What's your opinion? Answer the questions in the article. Do you know a person in Andy's situation? Do you live at home?

### Useful language

*It's not a problem.*  
*It's fine.*

*It's a problem.*  
*It's not right.*



## An Englishman's home ... is his castle!

### The Castle family

Andy Castle lives in Brighton. He's not married. He has a nice car and a good job. Andy Castle lives with his parents, in his parents' house. He's thirty-seven years old.

### His mother's opinion

I'm happy that Andy is at home. He is a very good boy. Andy doesn't have parties in the house.

### Why does Andy live at home?

Because he likes it here. He helps me around the house. I have a daughter, Emily, but she's married. She doesn't live at home. Andy is my only son.

### His father's opinion

It's not right. His mother says he's a good boy ... well, he's a man! And a thirty-seven-year-old man doesn't live with his mother and father. What about a family for Andy? I want to be a grandfather!

### Why does Andy live at home?

I don't understand. He has money. He's a handsome young man. I love him, but it's better for Andy if he has his own house or flat.

### Andy's opinion

It's fine. My father isn't very happy, but that's his problem. I don't have a girlfriend right now. When I meet the right girl, I'll get married and leave home.

### Why do you live at home?

I have great parents, and I'm very happy to live with them. I like my house. A lot of my friends live at home.

What do YOU think of the situation?  
Why does Andy live at home?

Send your answers to [yourview@pointofview.co.uk](mailto:yourview@pointofview.co.uk)

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## VOCABULARY: the family

- Find all the family words in the article. What are they in your language?  
*parents, mother*
- Work in pairs, A and B. You are going to complete Emily's family tree.  
A: Turn to page 134. B: Turn to page 136.

## GRAMMAR: Wh- questions & possessive 's

*What, where, when, who, why and how* are question words.

Put them at the beginning of the question.

**Where** are you from?      **Who** does he live with?  
**What** is his name?      **Why** does he live at home?

Use 's to show possession.

*Andy's mother    His parents' house.*

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- Complete the questions with a question word from the box.

who    why    what    how    where

- \_\_\_\_\_ is he from?    Brighton, England.
- \_\_\_\_\_ does he live with?    With his parents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ does he live at home?    Because he likes it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ old is he?    Thirty-seven.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is his name?    Andy.
- Rearrange the words to make questions.
  - live    do    where    you ?
  - with    who    live    you    do ?
  - their    what    names    are ?
  - old    they    how    are ?
- Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 2.
- Add 's or ' to make possessives.
 

1 our sons__ names	4 Andy__ books
2 John__ cousin	5 his brother__ birthday
3 the teachers__ room	6 those families__ houses
- Work in groups of three, A, B and C.

A: Close your eyes.

B and C: Put objects on the table.

A: Open your eyes and make sentences about the objects.

*This is Ana's pen.      This is Enzo's book.*

## PRONUNCIATION: final -s

- 1.41 Listen to the pronunciation of the final -s in these words. Sometimes the final -s is pronounced as an extra syllable.

<b>no extra syllable</b>	<b>extra syllable</b>
go goes	watch watches
computer computers	house houses
	class classes
- 1.41 Listen again and repeat.
- Say these words. Is there an extra syllable in the second word?
 

1 do does	4 Charles Charles'
2 listen listens	5 bus buses
3 study studies	6 sandwich sandwiches
- 1.42 Listen to the recording to check your answers.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Work in pairs. Read about the family in Britain and discuss the questions.



**W**omen now have an average of 1.96 children.

It is normal now for a British woman to have her first child when she is 29 years old. 40% (per cent) of the British population is married. 19% of children live with one parent, usually the mother. On average, 45% of marriages end in divorce.

- How many children do women have in your country?
- Is divorce common in your country?
- How many people live in the family house or flat?
- Are the statistics for Britain similar in your country?