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My Family and Me

I come from a large and united family. There are five of us in my immediate family: my parents, my elder sister Sarah, my younger brother Tom, and me. We also have a lot of extended family, like aunts, uncles, and cousins. Generally, we are quite close, but like any family, we have our ups and downs.

My relationship with my siblings is interesting. I get on well with my younger brother Tom. We spend a lot of time together, playing video games or going to the cinema. He is quite intelligent and hard-working, although sometimes he likes to fool around when he should be doing his homework. My elder sister Sarah and I used to argue a lot when we were teenagers. Now that we are adults, our relationship has improved significantly. She is married and has a baby, so she is often busy, but we still try to stay with each other for a weekend once a month. When I visit her, she always makes me feel at ease.

My parents are the centre of our family. My mother is very considerate and tidy. She keeps house perfectly and always looks after everyone. She also helps me to arrange my time so that I can balance my studies at the faculty of engineering and my personal life. My father is a bit strict, but he is fair. He believes that every member of the family should have their duties about the house. For example, I am responsible for taking out the rubbish and walking our dog.

Last weekend, we organized a big family dinner to celebrate my parents' wedding anniversary. All my relatives came to our house. It was noisy and chaotic, but it was wonderful to see everyone. My mother is fond of cooking, and she prepared a fantastic meal. During the dinner, I realized how much I value these moments. Even though we live in different cities and have busy lives, family is always there for you.

In conclusion, family relationships require time and effort. You need to communicate, be patient, and show love. I am very grateful for my family because they are my biggest supporters.

Questions for Discussion / Comprehension:

1. Who are the members of the author's immediate family, and how does the author describe their family in general?

2. What does the author's younger brother Tom like to do, and what is he like as a person?

3. How has the relationship between the author and their elder sister Sarah changed since their teenage years?

4. What are the mother's and father's roles in the family, and what duties does the author have about the house?

5. What event did the family celebrate last weekend, and what is the author fond of in their family traditions?