

Lesson 2: Family Stress



Vocabulary Practice:

To get on someone's nerves (idiom) - to annoy someone a lot.	<i>Stop whining. You're getting on my nerves.</i>
Apart - separated by a distance.	<i>We both travel a lot, but when we're apart we keep in touch by phone.</i>
Difficult - not easy or simple; hard to do or to understand.	<i>It's a difficult choice, but I've got to decide which job is better.</i>

Dialogue Reading:

I need to take a break!

Marie: I'm so tired of this family! It always gets on my nerves when dad and mom about what they should do to make our family better.

Jo: Relax! You aren't the one who's in that situation.

Marie: What do you mean?!

Jo: I mean you aren't carrying the whole world on your shoulders.

Marie: Do you know how it feels being torn apart by your parents?

Jo: Why? Are they fighting over you?

Marie: No! But it does sort of feels like that. I they are constantly nagging each other.

Jo: Then I think you have to tell your parents that.

Marie: That's the problem! They won't listen to me.

Jo: Oh! That really is a problem.

Marie: I really don't know what to do. I am so stressed out about my family.

Jo: I feel you. It must be hard for you to have to think about it and decide what to do.

Marie: I can't take it anymore. My parents can't go a day without fighting!

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What does it mean to get one someone's nerves?
 - a. to be very patient with someone
 - b. to annoy someone a lot
 - c. to be impatient
2. What is apart?
 - a. separated by a distance
 - b. a far place that you can stay
 - c. placed close together
3. What is difficult?
 - a. something that you can do right away
 - b. something hard to do or to understand
 - c. something that no one is able to do
4. Why do we sometimes feel stressed when it comes to our family?
5. How do you handle stress in your family?