

LANGUAGE TEACHING RESOURCE

This resource helps students develop English language skills while learning about family life and family law in Australia. It is suitable for all levels of language and social studies contexts across a range of educational institutions. The legal content is applicable across Australia.

Family Peace explores the law and culture around marriage, relationship roles, parenting, child safety, family violence, disputes and conflict resolution.

The language activities are based on the vocabulary and grammar in Readers, Glossaries, Information sheets and Role plays. They are aimed at students from beginner to intermediate level and start with easier activities which get progressively more challenging. The materials cover elements of: reading comprehension; writing; spelling; sentence structure; word recognition; vocabulary; recount; formal/ informal speech; personal introductions; family relationships. The package includes:

Readers

Bee's Story 1 and 2

Beginner and intermediate level stories tell about love, marriage and raising children. We follow the journey of Bee through the cultural, legal and generational challenges of a new country.

Language Teaching Activities

Family Tree Glossary and Activities

Glossary of key family relationships and related family tree activities.

'Bee's Story' Glossaries and Activities

Glossaries for Beginner and Intermediate Readers and Activities based on the glossaries.

'Bee's Story' Activities

For Beginner and Intermediate levels based on each chapter of the stories.

'Family Law' Fact Sheet

Fact sheet in plain English and related activities.

Legal Advice Role Play

How to access an interpreter and a lawyer with a discussion about the family law issues raised in the Readers.

Answers

List of all teaching activities with answers.

Handouts

Tools for Parents

Three fact sheets about positive parenting strategies ('Parents' ABC'; 'Choices for Children'; 'Family Meetings'). Further activities can be created based on these.

Key Contacts

List of key services which can be adapted for different places.

Other Materials

Designed for family law community education workshops, these can also be used as a foundation for higher level language activities:

'Family Law and Culture' Facilitator's Manual

- Dialogue Starters
- Detailed overview of family law and culture issues
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Role plays on key issues
- Evaluation Sheet

Key Word Work Sheets

Summaries of family law and culture issues with key words highlighted.

Asserting Your Rights

How to get help and assert your rights.

PowerPoint Slides

A basic overview of key family law issues plus a file of images used in the Readers to stimulate further teaching activities. On CD.

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