

MULTIGENERATIONAL FAMILIES

A. Read

In many homes in the U.S., children live with their parents. Sometimes children live with their parents and their grandparents. This is a multigenerational family. It means there are many generations in one house.

Why do people do this? It is hard for older people to live alone. It is hard for them to take care of a home. They can be lonely if it is hard for them to leave home. Sometimes a family member is sick. It is easier to take care of them if they live with you.

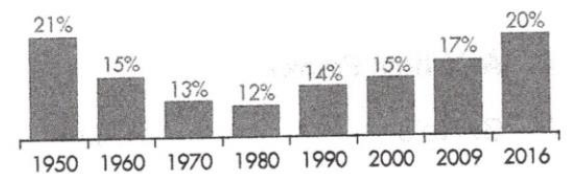
It can save a family money to live together, too. You only pay for one home, not two. Another reason is childcare. Both parents work in many families. A grandparent can help take care of the children.

Academic Skill:
Make connections

When you read, try to make connections between the article and your own life.

One-in-five Americans live in a multigenerational household

% of population in multigenerational households



(bar graph)

B. COMPREHENSION Complete the sentences with the words in a, b, or c.

- The word *multigenerational* means many generations.
a. many generations b. parents and children c. many cousins
- One reason for multigenerational household is that a family member might be _____.
a. sick b. happy c. interesting
- Another reason for multigenerational family is because _____.
a. it's lonely b. it saves money c. it's difficult
- A multigenerational household can be helpful to _____ who work.
a. children b. parents c. grandchildren

C. INTERPRET. Complete the sentences about the bar graph. Write the percentage in a, b, or c.

- In 2016, about _____ of people in the United States lived in multigenerational families.
a. 12% b. 20% c. 17%
- From 2000 to 2016, the number of people living in multigenerational families increased by _____.
a. 7% b. 5% c. 9%

