

# sample resources

# Sociology

## Definition of the Family

Any problems?

What type of families might thy exclude?

## Family

*A family is a social unit made up of people related to each other by blood, birth or marriage.*

*A family is a social unit made up of people who support each other in one or several ways (e.g. socially, economically, psychologically) or whose members identify with each other in a supportive unit.*

## Household

*People living at the same address and sharing meals and/or living accommodation.*

*A person living alone or a group of people who have the same address and share one meal a day and/or living accommodation. This differs from a family, which is defined as a married or cohabiting couple, with or without children, or a lone parent with children. Thus, most families live in households, but not all households are families. A group of students sharing a flat, for example, comprises a household, but not a family.*