

# Knowledge organiser

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How diverse are families?

| Concept                  | Meaning                                                                         |
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| Family diversity         | Variation in family forms, practices, meanings and experiences.                 |
| Organisational diversity | Variation in family structure and organisation of roles or labour.              |
| Cultural diversity       | Variation in beliefs, values and practices connected with cultural contexts.    |
| Class diversity          | Variation associated with economic resources, class position and opportunities. |
| Life-course diversity    | Variation linked to stages and transitions within people's lives.               |
| Cohort diversity         | Variation between groups shaped by different historical experiences.            |
| Cohort                   | People grouped by a shared timing characteristic, such as birth period.         |
| Life stage               | A position or phase within a person's changing life circumstances.              |

## Use categories carefully

| Concept               | Meaning                                                                                  |
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| Transition            | Movement from one life arrangement or situation to another.                              |
| Household             | A statistical living unit defined by shared accommodation and facilities.                |
| Family form           | A description of family composition or relationships.                                    |
| Family practice       | An activity through which family relationships are enacted.                              |
| Within-form diversity | Differences among families sharing a broad compositional label.                          |
| Cross-sectional view  | Observation of a population at a particular point in time.                               |
| Longitudinal view     | Following people or arrangements across time.                                            |
| Period effect         | An influence associated with a particular historical time affecting multiple age groups. |

### Worked explanation

Different divisions of work illustrate organisation; irregular employment conditions illustrate class/resource constraints; negotiating traditions illustrates cultural diversity. Explain each link.

### Avoid these confusions

The Rapoports' five dimensions overlap. Cohort or generational diversity refers to shared historical experience, not simply the presence of grandparents. Life-course transitions are illustrative, not a required sequence. AQA's GCSE appendix is used only to check the named typology; A Level curriculum alignment comes from 7192. All case comparisons are fictional.

### Retrieve later

Tomorrow: define family diversity and organisational diversity. In one week: explain a case mechanism and one limit without notes.