



Summer Bridging Work

Name: _____

Welcome to Sociology!

Complete the following tasks and bring these to your first Sociology lesson in September.

Different forms of the family and marriage

Even though the family is found in nearly every society, it can take many different forms. Marriage and family life in earlier times in Britain and today in many other societies, can be organised in quite different ways from family life in modern Britain. Sociologists use a number of different terms to describe the wide varieties of marriage and household type.

Task 1:

Complete the table below to find out more about these family types.

Forms of:	Description
Marriage	
Monogamy	
Serial monogamy	
Arranged marriage	
Civil partnership	
Polygamy	
Polygyny	
Polyandry	
Family and household structure	
Household	
Nuclear family	
Extended family	
Classic extended family	
Modified extended family	

Beanpole family	
Patriarchal family	
Matriarchal family	
Symmetrical family	
Reconstituted family or stepfamily or blended family	
Lone parent family	
Gay or lesbian family	
Single person household	

Task 2:

Explain what is meant by the 'expressive role' in the family (2 marks)

Explain what is meant by the 'instrumental role' in the family (2 marks)

Explain two characteristics of the 'cereal packet family' (4 marks)

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MAKE ASSESSMENT COUNT Date:

What went well:

Even better if / Challenge Question:

Student Action:

