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In a typical British home there are two parents and one, two or three children. Nowadays divorce

is common in Britain, so a lot of children live in a single-parent family, or in a family with a step-parent and step-brothers and sisters.

Most people live in a house with a small garden. In the big cities and in Scotland, a lot of people live in flats. Nowadays more and more people live

in flats and more people live alone than before.

People in Britain move house a lot. Many people don't

live in the town where they grew up, because they move to another place to go to university and to get jobs. This means that people often live a long way from their grandparents or aunts and uncles.

A lot of young people leave home between the ages of 18 and 25 when they go to university, get a job or get married. They often share a flat or house with some friends.

Old people don't normally live in the same house as their children and grandchildren. They usually live in their own house or flat,

or in an old people's home.

About half the families in Britain have got a pet. Cats are the most common pets, but dogs, fish, hamsters and birds are also popular.