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2. What 'R' is a family type?	Reconstituted
3. Who identified the symmetrical family?	Young & Willmott
4. How do we identify who has the power in a family?	Breadwinner/Decision maker
5. What is the triple shift?	Work and still do house work
6. What has happened to stay-at-home dads in recent years?	Increased
7. What did the Rapoports say about families?	Social class affects your family type

Learning Intentions

4/5 (All) – Explain what is happening to the traditional nuclear family.

6/7 (Most) – Explain how modern families act and what makes them different to traditional families.

8/9 (Some) – Discuss the most traditional/common family in the UK.

Low

High

What is your initial confidence towards the LIs?

Family Diversity

Remind yourself of what family diversity means.

List as many family types as you can remember.

What is happening to each family type?

The Nuclear Family in Decline.

Read the document on the nuclear family.

TASK

Summarise the document and explain what is happening to the nuclear family.

Is there a new traditional family type?

Nowadays, lots of families are like this:

- Both parents earn money.
- Lack of marriage in relationships.
- Males stay at home.

All of these things are not common of the nuclear family... Is there a new traditional family type?

And we have already said that the **symmetrical family** was somewhat questionable...

The Neo-Conventional Family

Also known as – **the new nuclear family**

- Both parents earn money.
- Lack of marriage in relationships.
- Males stay at home.

Neo-conventional family – a new nuclear family headed by a married or cohabiting couple who both work (dual-worker) and both support with childcare.

The 12-mark style question

Discuss how far sociologists agree that the nuclear family is still the traditional family type in the UK. (12 marks)

TASK

- 1) Go fishing (plan)
- 2) Write your full answer



12-mark help

Nuclear family statistics

Family diversity

Marriage/Divorce

Other family statistics

Symmetrical family

Neo-conventional family

Power in families

Top Marks:

You must be evaluative in your writing.

After explaining a point, add an evaluation. This could be something supportive or something that criticises the viewpoint.

Evaluation Example

The symmetrical family shows that the nuclear family is not important any more. **However, the symmetrical family is criticised for poor research and the fact that mothers often end up still doing the double shift – this is clearly not equal or an example of joint conjugal roles.**

Green pen peer assessment

- Swap with a partner and do the following:
 - Give your opinion on their answer.
 - Find one literacy mistake from the selection below for them to improve on.

Literacy

Don't forget how important your literacy and grammar is for the 12 mark questions.

Misuse of capital letters

Missing full stops

Misuse of apostrophes

Spelling mistake

Didn't use paragraphs

Use higher-level vocabulary

When you receive your book back, you need to green pen any improvements that have been suggested.

Correct any punctuation errors.

Rewrite any spelling mistakes.