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Dedicated to my adorable friend Amanda Colman, whose bubbly, nutty and lovable family (yes, Tabs, Cesca and Mia) are tops!



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# What Makes a Family?

This book is all about families. It will help you understand...

- who can be part of a family
- how a family starts
- what people do as part of their families.

No two families are the same. You might find that some families are similar to yours, while others are different.

Use this book to learn about and celebrate families of all shapes and sizes.



It's good to know...

A family's closeness makes it special to each person in it.

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# Meet Tiki and Murphy



Hi there, you!  
I'm Tiki and this is  
my waggy-tailed  
friend, Murphy.



Whenever I talk to Tiki,  
I always learn something new.  
She flies all over the place and  
sees far more than I do.

Murphy asks loads  
of questions. I can tell  
when a question is  
coming because he tilts  
his head and raises his  
left ear. I can see one  
coming now...



Tiki always does her best  
to explain the things that  
Murphy doesn't understand.

What makes a family?  
I know about my family, they're  
inside having their dinner right  
now. But sometimes I see  
different kinds of families at the  
park. I've noticed that they're not  
all the same. Can I ask you lots  
of questions?

I can't usually stop  
you! Go ahead.



# Are all families the same?



I have lots of questions. Do all families have two parents or carers?



No. Some children are looked after by one adult, and others are looked after by more.

Do all families have two children? In my family, we have one brother and one sister.



Not at all. Some families have no children, and others have lots.

