

Write an opinion essay (10-11 class – 300-350 words).

Topic: Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are.

What is your opinion? Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem paraphrasing the given statement; express your personal opinion);
- give the 1st reason for your opinion, explain it in detail (supporting sentences) and illustrate it by an example;
- give the 2nd reason for your opinion, explain it in detail (supporting sentences) and illustrate it by an example;
- summarize your points briefly and restate your opinion.

It goes without saying that everyone needs a family; the people who love and protect a person. Sometimes, children lose their parents or their parents do not love them. In this case, close friends or other people can become a true family. In fact, I absolutely agree with the statement because in my opinion, it does not matter one has blood or not blood family, it is much more important to have a happy family^{with people}, who love and accept a person for who she or he is.

As a matter of fact, I have some reasons for my opinion. As it has already been mentioned above, close friends sometimes can become a true family. ^{for example} Harry Potter and his friends (with Harry Potter's books by J. Rowling, Harry lost his parents and his relatives treated him ^{and abused} him, unfortunately, he was absolutely alone. However, after he had entered the Hogwarts, he found some friends who became his true family. I think that they were a true family because they loved and protected each other. Moreover, they were always ready to fight for each other.

It is commonly known that there are many examples of adopted children, who have a happy family with their new parents. I consider that it is not a simple decision to adopt a child, but it is worth it. The best example of such situation might be Ann with "Ann with E". She was an orphan, 38

but fortunately, she was adopted by an old couple. It was a very stressful period for the child to get used to a new family. Finally, Ann dealt with it and they became a true family. New parents were strict, but they took care about Ann and loved her. As a result, Ann had grown up as a happy woman with great parents.

To conclude, I want to summarize my points. I strongly believe that a true family is not always about blood, (sometimes) a true family sometimes is the people, who love, protect and accept a person for who he or she is.