

**L.I. The difference between a nuclear and an extended family**

**Melissa was asked to answer the following question:**

**What is the difference between a nuclear and an extended family?**

**Melissa gave the following answer:**

A nuclear family consists of a married couple with children sharing the same place of residence. An extended family includes more than two generations and therefore it is larger than the nuclear family.

**The teacher gave Melissa this written feedback:**

- (a) good answer Melissa, you explained the difference.
- (b) Explain what you mean by 'more than two generations'.

**Melissa wrote:**

'More than two generations' because it may include grand grandparents, grandparents, parents and children. In this case there are four generations. This would be an extended family. So the number of people in an extended family is much larger than that in a nuclear family.

**What do you think of this answer?**

**Something for you to do.**

**Melissa wrote that a nuclear family consists of “a married couple with children sharing the same place of residence”.**



**Make a list of other types of nuclear families and say how these differ from extended families.**



**(This picture is intended to help you.)**

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