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Divorce and Remarriage

**THE BLENDED FAMILY**

When two families blend into one, they must be willing to face the unique challenges that unfold. Family members must take on different roles, children must adjust to new rules and responsibilities, and everyone must learn to share the same space. Those families who make the effort and are patient about building new relationships are likely to be rewarded by the experience. But life in any blended family has its ups and downs.

**Directions:** Select two blended families that you know. Interview one or more members of each family about the advantages and disadvantages of living in a blended family. Complete the second and third columns of the chart below with this information. Then answer the questions that follow.

Blended Family	Advantages	Disadvantages
Interview #1	1.	1.
	2.	2.
	3.	3.
Interview #2	1.	1.
	2.	2.
	3.	3.

**Looking at Blended Families**

1. What advantages did both of the blended families say they experienced?

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2. What disadvantages were most commonly mentioned?

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3. Select one disadvantage, and discuss what family members could do to overcome this.

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4. What special skills might members of a blended family develop?

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5. What do you think is the most important requirement for building a happily blended family? Explain.

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