



Worksheet 2: Identifying and applying theories

1 Functionalist theory

	True	False
The nuclear family is functional for society.		
Women should be encouraged to work outside the home.		
Family structure changes to fit society.		

2 Marxist theory

	True	False
The family teaches children to accept capitalism.		
The family is a unit of consumption.		
The family is beneficial for all.		

3 New Right perspectives

	True	False
Divorce is positive for society.		
The nuclear family benefits society.		
Social policies have undermined family life.		

4 Postmodernist perspectives

	True	False
Family structures change throughout life.		
Families are also those related by blood.		
Families include those we choose to include.		