

READING: The Nortons

BEGINNERS: PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE.

This is James Norton and this is his wife Peggy.

James and Peggy live in Nottingham. They live in a house. It isn't a very big house, but\* the house has a garden. It is a beautiful garden.

James is 42 years old and Peggy is 39.

They have two children\*. Janet is their\* daughter\* and Phil is their son\*.

Janet is 10 and Phil is 9. Janet and Phil go to school in the centre of Nottingham. Peggy usually drives them to school. They sometimes go by bus.

The Nortons have two dogs, Pip and Sol. They don't have a cat.

James is a butcher and Peggy is a hairdresser. The butchery is near\* their house, but Peggy's shop is in the centre of Nottingham. James and Peggy always work on Saturday, but they never work on Monday.

Phil and Janet never go to school on Saturday. Grandmother\* Annie usually comes on Saturday. Phil plays football. He often plays a football match on Saturday afternoon. Janet goes to theatre class on Saturday morning. She doesn't go to it in the afternoon. In the afternoon she stays\* with\* a Sally. Sally is her friend. They always play and laugh.

The Nortons often go on excursions on Sunday.

Today it is Sunday. The Nortons want to go to a lake near Nottingham. They want to rent a boat\*. They want to sail\* on the lake. Then\* they want to go to a restaurant. They have lunch at the restaurant. After\* lunch Peggy and James want a cup of coffee. The children don't want coffee. They want an ice cream. They like ice cream. Then they go home. Peggy drives. She usually drives. James doesn't like to drive.

At home Peggy and James watch television and Janet and Phil play video games. The children go to bed at 9 o'clock. Their parents\* go to bed at midnight. They don't work tomorrow. Tomorrow they stay at home and rest.

**NEW WORDS** \* write the meaning of these words in your own language

but=

children=

their=

daughter= filla

son=fill

with= amb

Grandmother=

boat=

sail=

then=

after=

parents=

near=

stay=

rest=