

MAIN TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY FAMILY LIFE

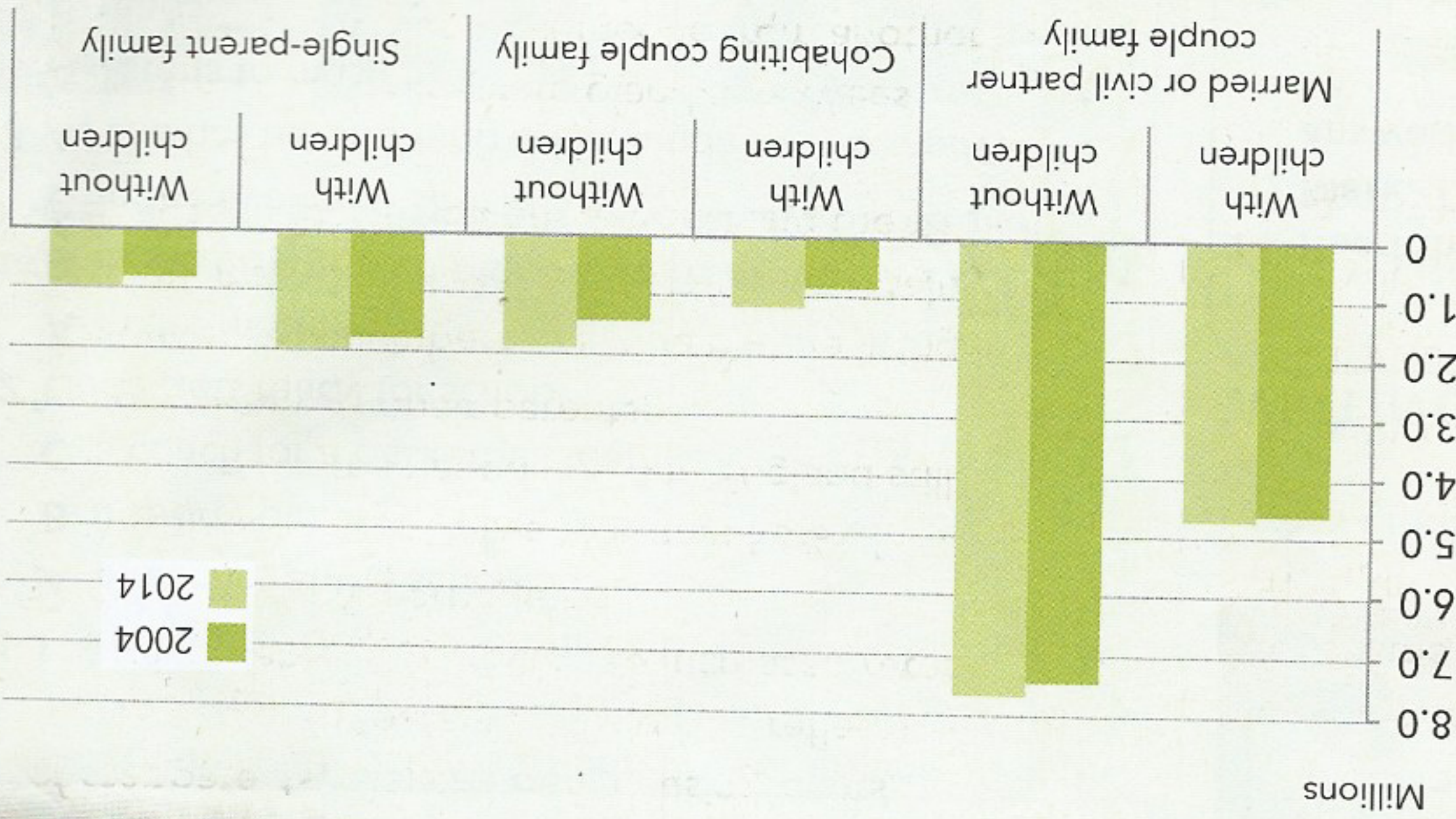
Getting started

1 Read the following family descriptions (1–8). Ask your classmates questions: can you find at least one person in your class whose family fits each description?

- 1 I don't have any brothers or sisters.
- 2 I live with only one parent.
- 3 I live with two parents.
- 4 I live with a grandmother or grandfather.

- 5 I have a stepmother or stepfather.
- 6 My family comes from a different country.
- 7 At least two people in our family are different races.
- 8 I live with people who love me.

The UK family in the early 21st century



2 Match the types of family (1–5) with their definitions (a–e).

- 1 stepfamily
- 2 nuclear family
- 3 extended family
- 4 multi-ethnic family
- 5 single-parent family

a b c d e

- a family with only one parent
- b the mother and father come from different ethnic backgrounds
- c a family formed with the remarriage of a parent and a child/children with another person
- d different generations of the same family live together
- e a family with a father, mother and child/children