

Transcribe the texts given with phonetic symbols below:

Transcription exercise 1:

/ ɪn brɪtən ən(d) ə'raʊnd ðə wɜːld / ði ɪmɪdʒ əv ðə fæmɪli
kənt^hɪnjuːz tə tʃeɪndʒ // ðə trədɪʃənəl vɪk^tʰɔːrɪən fæmɪli /
ɪn wɪtʃ ðə mən wəz ðə bredwɪnə / ðə wʊmən ðə həʊmmeɪkə /
ən(d) ðə tʃɪldrən njuːmərəs ən(d) əbɪːdɪənt / ɪz gɪvɪŋ weɪs
tə njuː ar^ldiəz ə'baʊt wɒt ðə mʊdən fæmɪli ʃəd lʊk laɪk // /

Transcription exercise 2:

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/ wʌn əv ðə məʊst ɒbvɪəs k^hærəktərɪstɪks əv ðə njuː fæmɪli
ɪz ðət ðərə nɒt ɔːlwəz t^huː p^heərənts // djuː məʊstli tə ðə
raɪz ɪn dɪvɔːsɪz sɪns wɜːld wɔː wʌn / sɪŋɡl̩ p^heərənt fæmɪlɪz
ə bɪ'k^hʌmɪŋ mɔːrən mɔː frɪkwənt ən(d) ə'kseptɪd ɪn brɪtɪʃ
sə'saɪəti // juːʒʊəli / ɪt ɪz ðə mʌðə hu t^heɪks rɪspɒnsəbɪləti
fə reɪzɪŋ ðə tʃaɪld / ən(d) ʃi hæz tə bæləns ðə p^hrefəz əv
ɜːnɪŋ ə lɪvɪŋ ən(d) reɪzɪŋ (h)ə tʃɪldrən ət ðə seɪm t^haɪm // /

Answer key:

Transcription exercise 1:

In Britain and around the world, the image of the family continues to change. The traditional "Victorian family", in which the man was the breadwinner, the woman the homemaker and the children numerous and obedient, is giving way to new ideas about what the modern family should look like.

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