**The Style Invitational**

**Problem 63:** Show Us Some Character

T

he man is 90, his hat is crooked, his moccasins are untied and his clothes have 10 holes in them. He is talking to a 10-year-old boy with a yo-yo.

Is there a part of the article that is not related to the contest? Yes

**Problem 89:** Fill in the Blanks

In the story about the decathlon, there is a blank that needs to be filled in. The sentence is: “The decathlon is not only a test of physical strength, but also a test of...” What is the missing word? Endurance

**Problem 105:** Create a New Name

Create a new name for the decathlon. Crystal Pentathlon

**Problem 115:** Write a New Poem

Write a new poem about the decathlon. (Example: The decathlon is a test of all things, each one more difficult than the last.)

**Problem 123:** Write a New Story

Write a new story about the decathlon. (Example: Once upon a time, there was a young boy who wanted to be the best in the decathlon. He practiced every day and finally became the champion.)

**Problem 141:** Write a New Essay

Write a new essay about the decathlon. (Example: The decathlon is more than just a test of physical strength. It is also a test of mental toughness and perseverance.)

**Problem 163:** Write a New Letter

Write a new letter to the editor about the decathlon. (Example: I am writing to express my support for the decathlon. It is a great event that brings people together.)

**Problem 181:** Write a New Novel

Write a new novel about the decathlon. (Example: The story of a young boy who trains hard to become the best in the decathlon.)

**Problem 203:** Write a New Poem

Write a new poem about the decathlon. (Example: The decathlon is a test of all things, each one more difficult than the last.)

**Problem 221:** Write a New Essay

Write a new essay about the decathlon. (Example: The decathlon is more than just a test of physical strength. It is also a test of mental toughness and perseverance.)

**Problem 243:** Write a New Letter

Write a new letter to the editor about the decathlon. (Example: I am writing to express my support for the decathlon. It is a great event that brings people together.)

**Problem 265:** Write a New Novel

Write a new novel about the decathlon. (Example: The story of a young boy who trains hard to become the best in the decathlon.)

**Problem 287:** Write a New Poem

Write a new poem about the decathlon. (Example: The decathlon is a test of all things, each one more difficult than the last.)

**Problem 309:** Write a New Essay

Write a new essay about the decathlon. (Example: The decathlon is more than just a test of physical strength. It is also a test of mental toughness and perseverance.)

**Problem 331:** Write a New Letter

Write a new letter to the editor about the decathlon. (Example: I am writing to express my support for the decathlon. It is a great event that brings people together.)

**Problem 353:** Write a New Novel

Write a new novel about the decathlon. (Example: The story of a young boy who trains hard to become the best in the decathlon.)

---

**Miss Manners**

**Family Matters Most at Mealtime**

For a variety of reasons, none of them apparently being to promote the happiness of those involved, numerous organizations have put out definitions of family. Some define family as religious, social and civil organizations keep proposing criteria for marriage and blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship, but each one is more restrictive than the other. In regard to marriage, it has been suggested that family is a union of two who are not related in any way. In some places marriage has been recognized in only one such union. In other places, marriage has been recognized in more than one. In still others, marriage has been allowed in only one. All this has led to a mixed up mess. The terminology is applied to the family by the family, and the family is what the family is. As the definitions are usually self-applied, the application of terms to families is quite arbitrary. However, it is important to target such groups as immigrants, gay couples, or the elderly for marriage licenses. As the family is created in many ways and with many goals, the family is a human one.

Miss Manners has come up with an even more jumbled definition of family. One that nobody resorts to at all. In regard to marriage, it has been suggested that family can be created in any way and with any goal. Miss Manners has been described as a source of invincibility, and her qualifications are outstanding.

**Dear Miss Manners,**

We have both happily divorced and each other. This is the first time we have seen each other. Our daughter and her fiancé have asked us to move to New York and take care of their children. We are trying to use the stove at the same time for different purposes, or one per person. We are too old to force the carrying-in — that is a good definition of family. We have found ourselves arguing over who is in the kitchen, who is in the bathroom, who is in the bedroom, and who is in the living room. We are now convinced that we are not related.

Do you care who the family is? Miss Manners would allow some level to hard to go, and the occasional year to go,

family. It is not family. It is the family.

---

**Miss Manners**

**Family Matters Most at Mealtime**

For a variety of reasons, none of them apparently being to promote the happiness of those involved, numerous organizations have put out definitions of family. Some define family as religious, social and civil organizations keep proposing criteria for marriage and blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship, but each one is more restrictive than the other. In regard to marriage, it has been suggested that family is a union of two who are not related in any way. In some places marriage has been recognized in only one such union. In other places, marriage has been recognized in more than one. In still others, marriage has been allowed in only one. All this has led to a mixed up mess. The terminology is applied to the family by the family, and the family is what the family is. As the definitions are usually self-applied, the application of terms to families is quite arbitrary. However, it is important to target such groups as immigrants, gay couples, or the elderly for marriage licenses. As the family is created in many ways and with many goals, the family is a human one.

Miss Manners has come up with an even more jumbled definition of family. One that nobody resorts to at all. In regard to marriage, it has been suggested that family can be created in any way and with any goal. Miss Manners has been described as a source of invincibility, and her qualifications are outstanding.

**Dear Miss Manners,**

We have both happily divorced and each other. This is the first time we have seen each other. Our daughter and her fiancé have asked us to move to New York and take care of their children. We are trying to use the stove at the same time for different purposes, or one per person. We are too old to force the carrying-in — that is a good definition of family. We have found ourselves arguing over who is in the kitchen, who is in the bathroom, who is in the bedroom, and who is in the living room. We are now convinced that we are not related.

Do you care who the family is? Miss Manners would allow some level to hard to go, and the occasional year to go,

family. It is not family. It is the family.

---

**Miss Manners**

**Family Matters Most at Mealtime**

For a variety of reasons, none of them apparently being to promote the happiness of those involved, numerous organizations have put out definitions of family. Some define family as religious, social and civil organizations keep proposing criteria for marriage and blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship, but each one is more restrictive than the other. In regard to marriage, it has been suggested that family is a union of two who are not related in any way. In some places marriage has been recognized in only one such union. In other places, marriage has been recognized in more than one. In still others, marriage has been allowed in only one. All this has led to a mixed up mess. The terminology is applied to the family by the family, and the family is what the family is. As the definitions are usually self-applied, the application of terms to families is quite arbitrary. However, it is important to target such groups as immigrants, gay couples, or the elderly for marriage licenses. As the family is created in many ways and with many goals, the family is a human one.

Miss Manners has come up with an even more jumbled definition of family. One that nobody resorts to at all. In regard to marriage, it has been suggested that family can be created in any way and with any goal. Miss Manners has been described as a source of invincibility, and her qualifications are outstanding.

**Dear Miss Manners,**

We have both happily divorced and each other. This is the first time we have seen each other. Our daughter and her fiancé have asked us to move to New York and take care of their children. We are trying to use the stove at the same time for different purposes, or one per person. We are too old to force the carrying-in — that is a good definition of family. We have found ourselves arguing over who is in the kitchen, who is in the bathroom, who is in the bedroom, and who is in the living room. We are now convinced that we are not related.

Do you care who the family is? Miss Manners would allow some level to hard to go, and the occasional year to go,

family. It is not family. It is the family.

---

**Miss Manners**

**Family Matters Most at Mealtime**

For a variety of reasons, none of them apparently being to promote the happiness of those involved, numerous organizations have put out definitions of family. Some define family as religious, social and civil organizations keep proposing criteria for marriage and blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship, but each one is more restrictive than the other. In regard to marriage, it has been suggested that family is a union of two who are not related in any way. In some places marriage has been recognized in only one such union. In other places, marriage has been recognized in more than one. In still others, marriage has been allowed in only one. All this has led to a mixed up mess. The terminology is applied to the family by the family, and the family is what the family is. As the definitions are usually self-applied, the application of terms to families is quite arbitrary. However, it is important to target such groups as immigrants, gay couples, or the elderly for marriage licenses. As the family is created in many ways and with many goals, the family is a human one.

Miss Manners has come up with an even more jumbled definition of family. One that nobody resorts to at all. In regard to marriage, it has been suggested that family can be created in any way and with any goal. Miss Manners has been described as a source of invincibility, and her qualifications are outstanding.

**Dear Miss Manners,**

We have both happily divorced and each other. This is the first time we have seen each other. Our daughter and her fiancé have asked us to move to New York and take care of their children. We are trying to use the stove at the same time for different purposes, or one per person. We are too old to force the carrying-in — that is a good definition of family. We have found ourselves arguing over who is in the kitchen, who is in the bathroom, who is in the bedroom, and who is in the living room. We are now convinced that we are not related.

Do you care who the family is? Miss Manners would allow some level to hard to go, and the occasional year to go,