

The Joshi Family



Glossary

Attune: To be aware of.

Burdens: Problems, thoughts and feelings.

Caste: The families' social status.

Commonwealth: A group of states that were part of the British Empire.

Ganesh: A god with the body of a boy and a head of an elephant.
Lord Ganesh is the god of wisdom.

Westernized: Influences by the cultural traditions of Europe and North America.

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My name is: **Parras**
Grandmother: **Mrs Joshi**
Dad: **Krishan**
Sister: **Mia**
Mum: **Reena**
Brother: **Lukesh**

Family Details

My name is Parras Joshi and I am 12 years old. I live with my mum, dad, sister and little brother. My grandparents also live with us too.

My Grandparents

I currently live with my grandparents. My Great Grandad lived in India in the 1960s, he was a teacher. My Grandad came to England and worked in a factory, which was hard work. He decided to take a teaching course in England to become a teacher. In 1971 he opened a shop on St James' Road, when he was then offered the directorship for Education in the Punjab. He decided he was happy in England and chose to remain here.

More About Me

I really like tennis because it keeps me really fit. Rugby is my favourite sport because it is a team sport so if you win, you win as a team but if you lose, you lose as a team. It's not all down to one person. I like being a Hindu because there are lots of interesting and different stories about the gods.

My Places

I enjoy visiting the Hindu Temple in Derby with my family.



Parras's parents wedding photo

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1. What reasons does Parras offer for saying that his family are **special** to him?

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As you **watch** the film see if you can think of other reasons

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2. Why does Parras like playing **Rugby**?

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3. What does Parras like about his **religion**?

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4. What is a Hindu **icon** or **deity**?

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5. What is the story behind the Hindu god **Ganesh**? (read more about Ganesh on The Open Centre website)

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6. In what ways was Parras's **Grandfather** so important in shaping the destiny of the Joshi family?

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7. In what ways was **education** so important in shaping the Joshi family in the past?

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In what ways is it still important to the **family** in the present?

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8. What **events** or **choices** made by family members in the past have lead to the family being so successful today?

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9. What was the **Caste system** in traditional Indian society?

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Why do you think it is "**frowned upon today**" as Parras's father Krishan says in the film?

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10. What **rituals** do you see taking place in the Hindu temple?

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11. What is Parras's attitude to praying and to **God**?

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12. In what ways has the Joshi family had to **change** in recent generations?

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Is this a **good thing or not**?

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13. In your own words....

How do you feel about and respond to **The Joshi Family**?

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Chose **three** emotions that capture your feelings

1. 2. 3.

Chose **three** adjectives that best describe your appreciation of the family

1. 2. 3.

Write down **three** questions that you would like to ask the family

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2.
3.

