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**Define: Family**

"There are two types of family," my nineteen year-old sister, who is currently not dating, says. "The ones that are related to you by blood, and those who are not related to you at all." In her opinion, family will always be there for you and support you no matter what. Since birth, they have clothed you and fed you. Always there to support you no matter what.

"Family members are like super heroes." She says. "They can't protect the city, but they can defend you. No matter what attitude you give them, in the end, they endure it all. They constantly want what's best for you and will always be there to cry with you."

To my sister, the people who are not blood related family members are still considered to be family nonetheless. "They've known and dealt with us for so long and still they are always there to provide any support if we need it. Gradually, the term family begins to evolve and expand to a whole new meaning."

Several of my sister's morals circulate around my mother. My mother is 46 years old and is married to my dad. She defines family as a group of people that consists of parents and their children. They may have arguments but they are still a family. She states that, "Family will always be the ones still there for you in the end."

My sixteen year-old single friend defines family as, "A never ending bond between a group of people. Someone who will die for you and you will die for them." Another sixteen year-old single, male friend of mine states, "Family is who you can trust to tell anything to because you know that they will understand. They will be there for you when you need help with something, and will put time aside to spend it with you."

Lastly, I asked myself the same question as everyone else I interviewed. To me, family is a group of people that you grew up with. They are the people that you shared a house with, fed you when you were incapable of doing it yourself, the ones that forgave you for everything you did that hurt them, and so much more. They are the people that stick by your side, not because they are forced to do so, but because they choose to.