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Family Trail

Cherish

Chinese Families in Britain

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Cherish: Chinese Families in Britain is the fifth of six exhibitions in the National Portrait Gallery's *Reaching Out, Drawing In* series.

A key part of the National Portrait Gallery's education and outreach work, these six exhibitions show artwork by a range of community groups and organisations who have worked alongside artists, sculptors and photographers, inspired by the Gallery's Collection.

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Cherish

Chinese Families in Britain

This family trail accompanies the *Cherish: Chinese Families in Britain* exhibition. Below are some questions and activities for you to do while looking at the exhibition, as well as some suggested activities to do at home.

1 At the start of the show, in the Family Photographs from the Collection section, you will see some family photographs. Look at the pictures and match these jigsaw shapes with the photographs they have been cut out from. Write down the name of the famous person shown in the photographs.



a)



b)



c)



d)

Below is a list of jobs that these people are famous for. Write down who did what job.

Prime Minister

Actor

Writer

Musician

One of these people was famous for writing the series of *Winnie the Pooh* books. Who is it?

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Now go to the Chinese families in London section

2 Find the postcard board. This board shows photographs of families from the Soho Family Centre taken on their holiday. Write down what you think is happening in the picture and how you think they are feeling.



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Next find the video display called *Many Miles to One Moment* in the Chinese families in Glasgow section.

3 This video is all about a journey the Ang family made. They travelled a long way to be together for a family portrait.

Draw a circle on the map of each country that the family travelled from.



4 Unravel the letters to find where they met to have their picture taken.

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5 The way we pose for a photograph can say a lot about us. Grace Ang liked this portrait of Queen Elizabeth I and wanted to be photographed in the same pose.



Why do you think Grace wanted to pose like this?

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6 The Wan family liked this portrait of the Royal Family and had their photograph taken sitting at a dinner table in their restaurant.



What are the Royal Family doing in their portrait?

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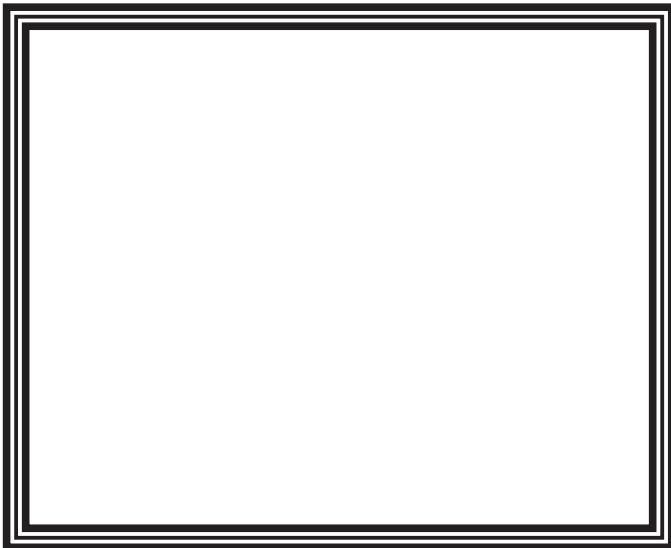
Here are a two other pictures of families in the Gallery. Choose one of these portraits and draw your family based on the one you like best.



The Capel Family

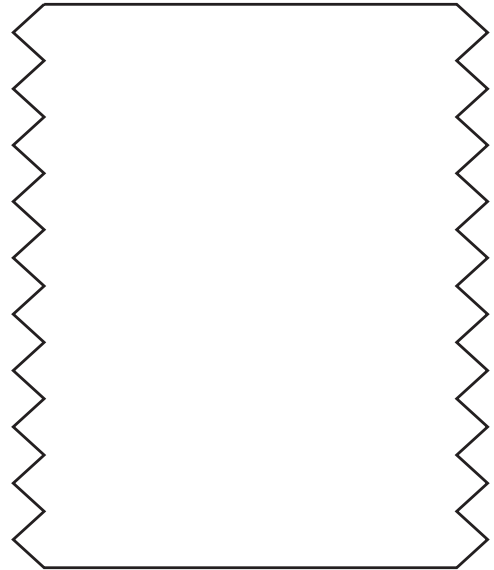


The Vyner Family



Now go to the last section of the exhibition, Chinese families in Manchester. You will see there are some lanterns hanging up.

- 7 How many lanterns are there?
- 8 Now find the Chinese symbol for lantern and write it the shape below.



Now you have finished the trail why not go and have a look at the paintings shown here that are hanging in the Gallery.

- Queen Elizabeth I (Room 2, Second Floor)
- Conversation Piece at the Royal Lodge, Windsor (Room 31, First Floor)
- The Capel Family (Room 5, Second Floor)
- The Vyner Family (Room 7, Second Floor)

Suggested activities

Here are some things you might like to do at home.

1 Photomontage

The Chong Family made some colourful photographs of their families. Why not have a go at making your own.

Collect up lots of pictures of you and your family. Make some colour photocopies and cut them up to make a collage. Cut some plain card and stick the copies onto the card. You now have a special photograph to send to your friends.



2 Now and Then

Landy's family showed some photographs of their family today and in the past. Do you have any images of older members of your family when they were your age? It is fun to see the difference.



3 A Day in the Life

Colin Wan made a day in his life into a comic book. This could be a really fun thing to do about your life. Just divide a piece of paper into 8 squares and make drawings of what you did during one day. Don't forget to make speech bubbles to tell the story.



4 Take some pictures of you and your family during a special occasion – it could be a birthday or a festival that you celebrate. Make up your own special family album to Cherish.

Answers

- 1 a) Winston Churchill (Prime Minister)
b) Charlie Chaplin (Actor)
c) A A Milne (Writer and author of the Winnie the Pooh books)
d) Shaun Ryder (Musician)
- 2 a) Sitting down
Laughing and looking happy
b) The boy is having a drink
He looks like he is lost in his thoughts
c) Pulling his eyes down with his fingers
Looking very bored
d) Cutting up melons
Looking very happy
- 3 United States of America and United Kingdom



- 4 Malaysia
- 5 Maybe she wants to look powerful
- 6 They are having tea
- 7 There are 8 lanterns

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p2 Shaun Ryder and his Family

Harry Borden, 1993

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p2 Charles Chaplin and his Family

Brodrick Haldane, 1950s

p2 Winston Churchill with his wife and grandchildren

Vivienne, 1951

p2 A.A. Milne and Christopher Robin Milne

Howard Coster, 1926

p3&4 Postcards

Anthony Lam, 2006

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p5 Conversation Piece at the Royal Lodge, Windsor

Sir James Gunn, 1950

p5 Queen Elizabeth I ('The Ditchley Portrait')

Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger, c.1592

p6 The Capel Family

Cornelius Johnson, c.1640

p6 The Family of Sir Robert Vyner

John Michael Wright, 1673

p8 Family in Malaysia

HT Chong, 2006

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p8 Basketball Team

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p8 Days in the Life of Colin Wan

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