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care for = take care of someone (especially when they're old). "We're looking for someone to care for my mother."

look up to = admire. "Is there anyone you look up to in your family?"

live up to = do what is expected of you. "Both his parents studied at Oxford University and have important careers. It's hard for him to live up to his parents' expectations."

pass away / pass on = die. "His father passed away suddenly from a heart attack."

come down on = punish or criticize. "They came down on him hard when they found out he'd been missing school."

tell off = reprimand, criticize. "Her parents are always telling her off for watching too much TV."

run away = leave home when you are a child because you are angry or scared. "He's run away from home three times already."

farm out = send your children to live with other relatives (temporarily). "My parents used to farm us out so they could have a break."

stand up for = protect someone (often a younger brother or sister). "He's always standing up for his brother at school."

stick together = stay in a close group. "We learned to stick together as children."

run to = go to someone when you need help (often because you aren't strong or mature enough to solve a problem yourself). "She's always running to her parents when things go wrong."

turn to = ask someone for help. "He turned to his brother when he lost his job."

cut off = when your parents refuse to give you money / disinherit you. "They were so angry with her that they cut her off without a penny."

split up = when a couple end their relationship. "His parents split up when he was a child."

settle down = when two people make a home together. "She's finally settled down with Jack."