

Families of the World: Sweden

1) We first meet 5-year-old **Evelina**, who lives with her brother and parents in Kalmar, Sweden. We visit Evelina's day care center, watch her mother as she teaches her class, visit her father as he photographs cell phone cases, and go to Evelina's pony riding lessons and a birthday party. 2) Then we meet 10-year-old **Alex** and his family, and follow him to school and to swimming lessons. Alex and his brother play computer games, and their father makes moose shish kabobs.



Vocabulary

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| 1. day care center (n) | 11. electricity (n) |
| 2. stay (v) fresh (adj) | 12. oil (n) |
| 3. environment (n) | 13. Pippi Longstocking
長くつ下のピッピ
(Nagakutsushita no Pippi) |
| 4. polluted (adj) | 14. Arctic Circle (n) |
| 5. bathe (v) | 15. furnace (n) |
| 6. pony (n) | 16. take (v) turns (n) |
| 7. find out (v) | 17. Vikings (n) |
| 8. bridle (n) | 18. property (n) |
| 9. metal (n) | |
| 10. skin (n) | |

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| 19.Lutheran (n) | 23.industry (n) |
| 20.European Community (EC) | 24.forestry (n) |
| 21.castle (n) | 25.glass blowing (n) |
| 22.teleworking (n) | 26.divorced (adj) |

Part 1: While Watching

A) Evelina:

1. Why are there biking, running and walking trails everywhere?
2. T or F? People take their shoes off when they enter a home or school.
3. What do the children make for “Parents Visiting Day”?
4. What is her mom’s job?
5. Why doesn’t the food store have heat?
6. Why does her mother use a cloth bag instead of a plastic bag for the groceries?
7. How often do Evelina and her brother bathe a week?
8. Why do they warm the bridle before putting it into the pony’s mouth?
9. What can the furnace computer choose?
10. In the game the children play, what happens if the bottle points at you?

B) Alexander:

1. When does the sun go down in winter?
2. Who pays the parents to stay home for a year after they have a baby?
3. T or F? For the parents to get the money, the mother and father must take turns taking care of the baby.
4. T or F? Part of Northern Sweden is in the Arctic Circle.
5. How many hours of sunlight do they get a day?
6. Why do most Swedes live in the southern part of the country?



7. T or F? Even before the Vikings, women were often leaders and owned property.
8. What kind of Christians are most Swedes?
9. T or F? Most Swedes only go to church on special occasions.
10. T or F? Public schools and school lunches are free.
11. T or F? Most kids learn to speak several languages.
12. T or F? Sweden is a member of the European Community (EC).
13. How old is Kalmar Castle?
14. Why are the EC countries organizing?
15. What does Alexander's father do for a living?
16. How much of Sweden is covered by forests?
17. What are two old industries in Sweden?
18. T or F? Alex's parents are divorced.

Part 2: After Watching (HW: Write your answers.)

1. What was different, interesting, or surprising for you? Why? For example, how many times a week does Evelina bathe? (**Write down at least 2 or 3 things.**)



2. Families and Children:

a. In Sweden, the government tries to help its people in many ways. For example, they pay for parents to stay home and take care of new babies. Why do you think they do this?

b. The birth rate in Japan is very low. What are some of the causes? Do you think the system of paying parents to stay home to raise children would help? How?

3. Would you like to visit Sweden someday? Why or why not?
(Write down 2 or 3 reasons.)