



Worksheet 2: Identifying and applying theories answers

1 Functionalist theory

	True	False
The nuclear family is functional for society.	✓	
Women should be encouraged to work outside the home.		✓
Family structure changes to fit society.	✓	

2 Marxist theory

	True	False
The family teaches children to accept capitalism.	✓	
The family is a unit of consumption.	✓	
The family is beneficial for all.		✓

3 New Right perspectives

	True	False
Divorce is positive for society.		✓
The nuclear family benefits society.	✓	
Social policies have undermined family life.	✓	

4 Postmodernist perspectives

	True	False
Family structures change throughout life.	✓	
Families are also those related by blood.		✓
Families include those we choose to include.	✓	