2.1.2.1 Talking about families

**赵莉莉:**周萌，张笛，你们在美国认识吗？  
zhōu méng, zhāng dí, nǐ men zài měi guó rèn shí ma?  
Zhou Meng, Zhang Di, did you know each other in the United States?

**周萌:**不认识，我家在加州，张笛家在休斯顿。  
bù rèn shí, wǒ jiā zài jiā zhōu, zhāng dí jiā zài xiū sī dùn.  
No, we didn’t. My family is in California, and Zhang Di’s family is in Houston.

**张笛:**赵主管去过加州和休斯顿吗？  
zhào zhǔ guǎn qù guò jiā zhōu hé xiū sī dùn ma?  
Supervisor Zhao, have you been to California and Houston?

**赵莉莉:**我去过加州，可是没去过休斯顿。周萌，你今年多大了？  
wǒ qù guò jiā zhōu, kě shì méi qù guò xiū sī dùn. zhōu méng, nǐ jīn nián duō dà le?  
I’ve been to California, but I haven’t been to Houston. Zhou Meng, how old are you this year?

**周萌:**我今年十九岁。  
wǒ jīn nián shí jiǔ suì.  
I’m 19 years old this year.

**赵莉莉:** 张笛，你呢？  
zhāng dí, nǐ ne?  
And you, Zhang Di?

**张笛:** 我今年二十一岁。  
wǒ jīn nián èr shí yī suì.  
I’m 21 years old this year.

**赵莉莉:** 我有一个弟弟，今年也二十一岁。你有兄弟姐妹吗？  
wǒ yǒu yī gè dì di, jīn nián yě èr shí yī suì. nǐ yǒu xiōng dì jiě mèi ma?  
I have a younger brother, and he’s also 21 years old. Do you have siblings?

**张笛:** 我有两个哥哥，一个妹妹，还有一个双胞胎姐姐。  
wǒ yǒu liǎng gè gē ge, yī gè mèi mei, hái yǒu yī gè shuāng bāo tāi jiě jie.  
I have two older brothers, one younger sister, and a twin sister.

**赵莉莉:** 是吗？双胞胎姐姐。那你的生日是几月几号？  
shì ma? shuāng bāo tāi jiě jie. nà nǐ de shēng rì shì jǐ yuè jǐ hào?  
Really? A twin sister. So, when is your birthday?

**张笛:** 我的生日是七月三十一号。  
wǒ de shēng rì shì qī yuè sān shí yī hào.  
My birthday is July 31.

**周萌:**我的生日是七月三十号。我们可以一起过生日。  
wǒ de shēng rì shì qī yuè sān shí hào. wǒ men kě yǐ yī qǐ guò shēng rì.  
My birthday is July 30. We can celebrate our birthdays together.

**赵莉莉:**对，对。你们可以一起过生日。周萌，你家有几口人？  
duì, duì. nǐ men kě yǐ yī qǐ guò shēng rì. zhōu méng, nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén?  
Right, right. You can celebrate together. Zhou Meng, how many people are in your family?

**周萌:**我家有五口人，爸爸，妈妈，哥哥和妹妹和我。  
wǒ jiā yǒu wǔ kǒu rén, bà ba, mā ma, gē ge hé mèi mei hé wǒ.  
There are five people in my family: my dad, mom, older brother, younger sister, and me.