In one of the pictures you can see an only child, in the other brothers. Compare and contrast the two pictures. There are some questions to help you. (In the exam these questions are asked by the examiner when you have finished talking.)

1. What are the advantages of having a brother or a sister?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a child in a large family?
3. What are the advantages of being an only child?
4. Which type of family model is typical in Hungary nowadays? Why?
5. Is it easier if the children in a family are of the same sex? Why (not)?

If you can, try to use some of these expressions while talking:

- get many benefits from the parents
- give all the attention to someone
- devote more time to the child than …
- tend to be spoilt
- become very jealous at first
- the second child might take after the first
- handle tasks
- there is an increased financial burden on the family
- siblings have a positive/negative effect on each other
- frequent arguments between siblings
- look after younger siblings

If you are interested in reading more about the topic of family size, you can find some interesting information here.

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