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**Chapter 2: Your Family—Read, Discuss, and Analyze Activity**

**Family Changes**

**READ the case study**

Deon, who is an only child, was seven years old when his father passed away. Now, Deon’s mother is remarrying Sam, who has two young children. Deon has known Sam’s family for many years and likes spending time with them. Deon is concerned, however, that everyone will forget his father once his mother and Sam are married. Deon is also concerned that he will not receive as much attention because he will no longer be an only child. To avoid these potential problems, Deon is considering moving in with his uncle, who lives on the same street.

**DISCUSS this question in class:**

What can Deon do to cope with these changes in his family structure before making the decision to move in with his uncle?

**ANALYZE the following statements about the case study to decide which are true and which are false.**

- T F Deon will have an easier time adjusting to the change in family structure if he ignores the potential problems.
  
- T F Deon does *not* need to talk to his mother about his concerns, because it will only upset her.
  
- T F The entire family should get together to discuss Deon’s concerns and other transitional changes.
  
- T F The blending of Sam’s family with Deon’s family may be a positive change.