

RELATIONSHIPS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS – A2

Main theme addressed	In this lesson, you will learn about relationships, family and friends.
Key Goals	Here is an outline of what you will learn today: 1. The different family members. 2. Other people and relationships.

1. The different family members

Look at the family tree below. All of the family members are listed by their relationship to **you!**

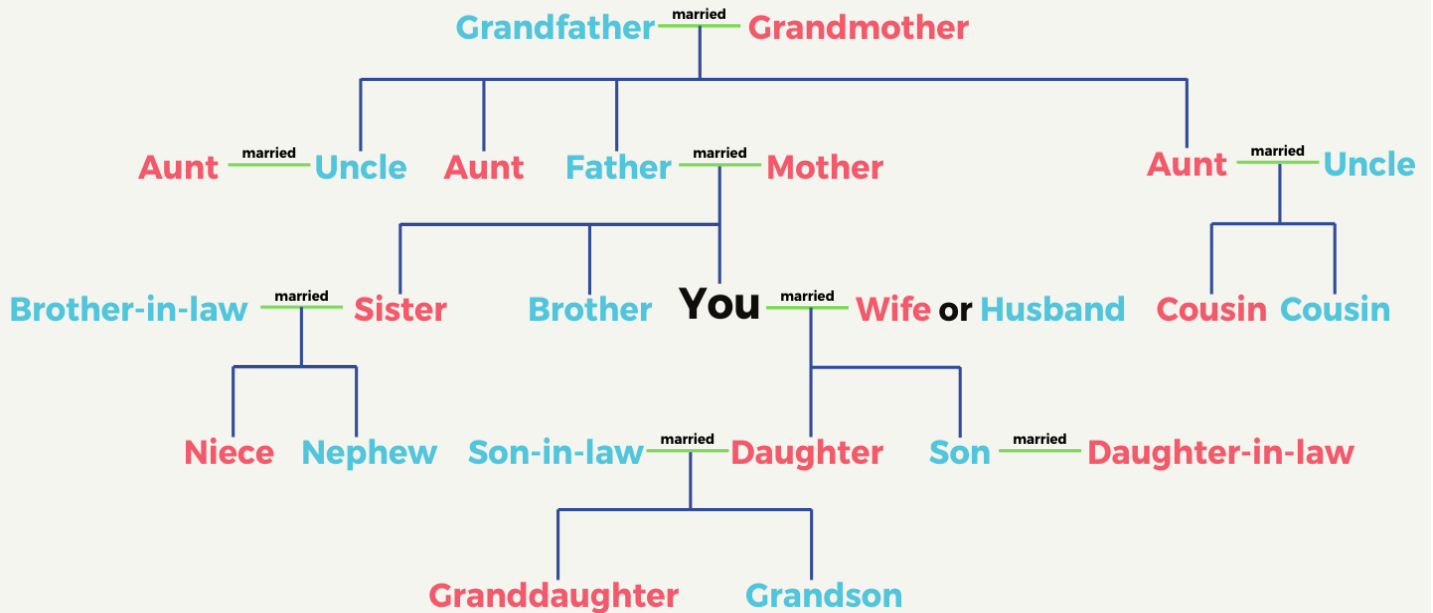
Female family members are in **PINK**. Male family members are in **BLUE**.

Look at the family tree and try to think of your own family.

How many Aunts and Uncles do you have?

Do you have any nieces or nephews?

Family Tree



Exercise:

Look carefully at the family tree above, and try to complete the sentences below with the correct family member:

1. My sister's husband is my _____.
2. My cousin is the child of my _____ and _____.
3. My uncle's mother is my _____.
4. My niece's father is my _____ or _____.
5. My grandson's mother is my: _____ or _____.
6. According to the family tree above, how many children do my grandparents have? _____.

Answers:

1. brother-in-law
2. aunt and uncle
3. grandmother
4. brother or brother-in-law
5. daughter or daughter-in-law
6. four (two sons and two daughters)

2. Other people and relationships.

Besides your family, you have many other relationships, with different people in different places.

boyfriend	a male friend who you know romantically	girlfriend	a female friend who you know romantically
fiancé (male)	the man you are going planning to marry is called your fiancé after the marriage has been agreed	fiancée (female)	the woman you are going planning to marry is called your fiancée after the marriage has been agreed.
groom	the male who gets married at a wedding.	bride	the female who gets married at a wedding
friend	a person you know, talk to and spend time with	best friend	your closest friend
colleague	someone you work with. they may also be your friend or acquaintance	classmate	someone you study and attend class with. they may also be your friend or acquaintance

acquaintance	someone you know, but is not a friend	school friend	a person you know from school. they may also be your classmate
flatmate	a person you share a flat with but have your own room. many flats can have 2 or 3 housemates sharing	housemate	a person you share a house with but have your own room. many houses can have 4 or 5 housemates sharing.
roommate	a person you share a room with – usually at college or university	next-door neighbour	a person who lives in the house, flat or building next-door to yours
neighbour	a person who lives close to you, in the same building or on the same street.	pen-pal	a person you exchange written letters with, to build a relationship and learn about them.
soul mate	your favourite person in the whole world, who understands everything about you. may also be your husband, wife or a family member		

Exercise:

With a partner, think about the people you know, and how you would describe them using the words above.

Compare with your partner and tell them about the person. Both you and your partner should ask and answer the following questions:

- **Who are they?**
- **How did you meet them?**
- **When did you meet them?**
- **Do you think the person could be described with another word in the future?**

Possible answer:

They are my friends. I met them in primary school when I was six years old. Yes, I think that people change over time.

Learn More:

<https://www.really-learn-english.com/english-vocabulary-for-dating-and-relationships.html>

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/family-friends>

<https://www.vocabulary.cl/english/family-members.htm>