

RELATIONSHIPS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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. Other people and relationships.

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Besides your family, you have many other relationships, with different people in different places. **Romantic** relationships are between people with very deeply affectionate feelings toward one another. **Platonic** relationships are non-romantic and do not involve deeply affectionate feelings.

Romantic Relationships ♥

boyfriend

- A male friend who you know romantically.
- Example: I've been dating James for a while, so it's finally time to introduce him to my family as my boyfriend.

bride

- The woman who gets married at a wedding.
- Example: I can't wait to see how beautiful the bride looks on her wedding day.

fiancée (female)

- The woman you are planning to marry is called your fiancée after the marriage has been agreed.
- Example: John proposed to Katrina. Now she's been promoted from girlfriend to fiancée!

fiancé (male)

- The man you are going planning to marry is called your fiancé after the marriage has been agreed.
- Example: My fiancé and I have to plan all the details of our upcoming wedding.

girlfriend

- A female friend who you know romantically.
- Example: It's sad that Serena broke up with Dan, she was his first real girlfriend.

groom

- The man who gets married at a wedding.
- Example: The groom asked me to be the best man in his wedding.

to date somebody

- To be in a romantic relationships in humans whereby two people meet socially

to propose to somebody

- To ask someone to marry you

to get married

- To become joined in marriage.

Platonic Relationships

acquaintance

- Someone you know but is not a friend.
- Example: I know Jenny from work, but we don't talk outside of working hours.

best friend

- Your closest friend.
- Example: I've been best friends with Britt since we were 16 years old.

colleague

- Someone you work with. They may also be your friend or acquaintance.
- Example: I have to ask one of my colleagues a question about this report.

classmate

- Someone you study and attend class with. They may also be your friend or acquaintance.
- Example: I missed class yesterday, but I can just ask my classmate what the homework was.

flatmate

- A person you share a flat with but have your own room. Many flats can have 2 or 3 housemates sharing.
- Example: I always have to clean up after my flatmate's mess in the kitchen!

housemate

- A person you share a house with but have your own room. Many houses can have 4 or 5 housemates sharing.
- Example: My housemates and I are throwing a party this weekend, you should come.

next-door Neighbour

- A person who lives in the house, flat or building next-door to yours.
- Example: I hope my party doesn't disturb the neighbours.

pen-pal

- A person you exchange written letters with, to build a relationship and learn about them.
- Example: When I was little, I used to practice my English by writing to a pen-pal in Canada.

roommate

- A person you share a room with – usually at college or university.
- Example: My roommate and I are always fighting about who will take out the rubbish.

school friend

- A person you know from school. They may also be your classmate.
- Example: I'm meeting an old school friend today who I haven't seen in years.

soul mate

- your favourite person in the whole world, who understands everything about you. May also be your husband, wife or a family member.
- Example: My best friend is my soul mate; I can tell her anything and she will still be my friend.

neighbour

- A person who lives close to you, in the same building or on the same street.
- Example: I saw our neighbour Paul walking his dog this morning on my way to work

Exercise:

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

- How many vocabulary words can you use to describe a person you know?
- 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?

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>