

Family Vocabulary

Your family members are also called your **relatives**. You have an **immediate** or **nuclear** family and an **extended** family. Your immediate family includes your father, mother and siblings. Your extended family includes all of the people in your father and mother's families.

Your **sibling** is your brother or sister. If you have 1 brother and 2 sisters, then you have 3 siblings. Your **parent** is your father or mother. Your **child** is your son or daughter. Your **spouse** is your husband or wife.

You may also have a **stepfamily**. Your stepfamily includes people who became part of your family due to changes in family life. These changes may include death, divorce or separation. New partnerships create new children. The new children and their relatives become part of your blended family. Some people are **born into** a stepfamily.

Note that spouses and step-relatives are **relatives by marriage**. They are not **blood relatives**. Your father and mother are **related by marriage**. But your father and you are **related by blood**.

In a family, the word **generation** means all the people in one stage of the family. For example, your parents are one generation, you and your siblings are the next generation, and your children and their cousins are another generation.

Text: My family

I have a large family. My father is 57. (fifty-seven) He works as an engineer at a plant. My mother is 55. She works part-time as a nurse. My younger brother is a student of economics. He is going to graduate next year. I also have an older sister. She is married and lives with her family in an apartment house not far from us. They often visit us. Her daughter Lena, my niece, is a very talented girl. She plays the piano and writes interesting poems.

I am married. My wife Olga is a schoolteacher. She teaches mathematics. We have two children, a boy and a girl. My son Victor is six years old, and my daughter Anna is three years old. They go to a kindergarten near our house. My wife picks them up on her way home from work and takes a long walk with them in the park. My mother looks after the children when we work late, and my mother-in-law takes care of them on Saturdays.

We live in a large house with a nice garden. There is enough room for all of us, and I even have my own study in the attic. It is small, but I like it. There is a table with my computer on it, a chair, and a book shelf. I spend a lot of time there working with my papers and studying English.

We have a lot of relatives. My aunt and two uncles live in a small town about 60 kilometers from my hometown. Their children, my cousins, are about my age, and we communicate often. Every year the whole family gets together for Christmas. We prepare a huge Christmas dinner, and there are a lot of presents for everyone.

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