

Family

Warm up:

- Do you have a big family?
- How many brothers and sisters do you have? Are they older or younger?
- How many aunts and uncles do you have?
- Do you spend a lot of time with your family?
- Do you have many cousins?
- Does your family have a pet?
- Are your parents married or divorced?



When something belongs to someone, we use 's after the person.

Eg. *This is John's wallet*

We often use the same structure when talking about family members.

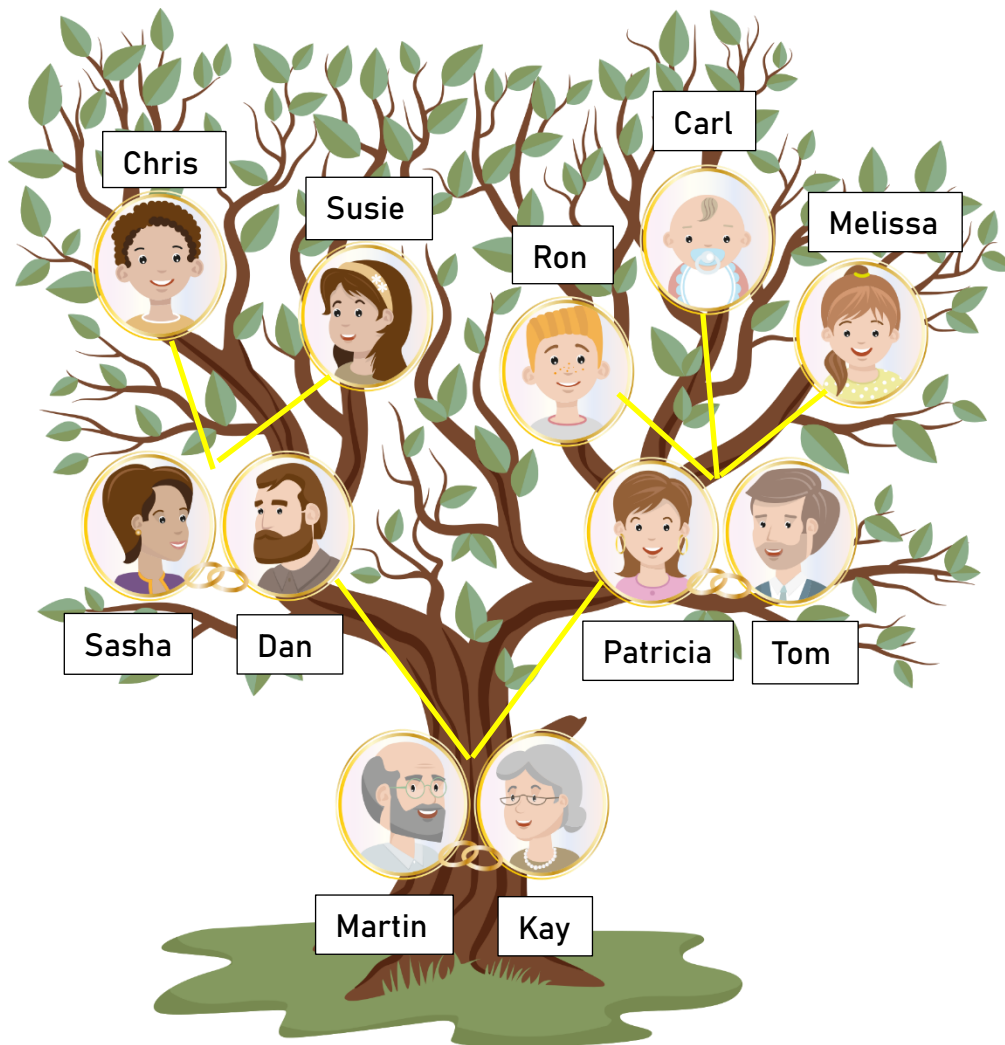
Eg. *Christina's brother is very friendly*



1. Complete the sentences below using any family member + 's

- My *Eg brother's* name is *Eg. Robert*
- My hair is
- My house is
- My favourite food is
- My husband/wife is
- My car is
- My pet cat/dog is very

2. Look at the family tree and complete the sentences below using the words in the box.



son in law	grandmother	husband	niece	uncle
daughter	wife	cousin	aunt	sister

- a) Martin is Kay's *husband*.
- b) Susie is Dan's *daughter*.
- c) Melissa is Dan's *niece*.
- d) Patricia is Tom's *wife*
- e) Kay is Carl's *grandmother*
- f) Tom is Martin's *son in law*
- g) Patricia is Susie's *aunt*
- h) Dan is Ron's *uncle*
- i) Melissa is Carl's *sister*



3. Complete the story using words from the box.

divorced	siblings	relatives	pregnant
grew up	big brother	only child	stepmother
			grandchild

My Family Reunion

Every two years my family has a big party, and this year I am organizing it. I have a lot of *relatives*, so it's a lot of work! My direct family is very small, I don't have any brothers or sisters, so I am an *only child*, but I have about 30 cousins and uncles and aunts! When I was a kid my parents got *divorced*, but my mum and dad still like each other, so they will both be there. When I was 15 my dad got married again, but my *stepmother* never comes to the family reunions, I think she doesn't feel comfortable around my mum. I don't talk to some of my cousins very often, but I talk to my cousin Vinnie every day, and he always takes care of me. We lived on the same street when we were kids, so we *grew up* together. I don't have any *siblings*, but Vinnie is like a *big brother* to me. At the reunion I'm going to make a big announcement: "I'm *pregnant!*" Only my mum and my husband know at the moment, but my mum is so excited to have a *grandchild!*

When talking about family we often use *comparatives* and *superlatives*.

Eg. "I am *taller* than my brother."

"Taller" is a comparative.

or: "I am *the tallest* person in my family"

"Tallest" is a superlative.



4. Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- Who is the funniest person in your family?
- Are you the oldest of your siblings (if you have any)?
- Who is the fittest or healthiest person in your family?
- Is your mother stricter than your father?
- What is the best family holiday you have ever been on?
- Are you taller than your parents?



5. Listen to three people talking about their families and answer the questions.

Craig

a) Who is the healthiest person in Craig's family? *Jack, his youngest son*

b) How many pets does Jessica have? *3 (two cats and a dog)*

c) What is Craig's son in law's name? *Chris*

d) Why does Jack like his sister's husband so much?

They both like football

e) What is Craig excited about? *He is excited about becoming a grandfather (his oldest is pregnant)*



Marie

a) How many siblings does Marie have? *7 (4 brothers and 3 sisters)*

b) Who is the shortest person in Marie's family? *Marie is the shortest*

c) What is Marie's brother-in-law's job? *He works in a Cafe*

d) Why doesn't she see her siblings very often? *Most of them live in different countries*

e) Why doesn't she want a big family? *She wants to live in a quiet house*

Claire

a) Why doesn't Claire like when her mother-in-law comes to her house for dinner? *She is very loud, and tells Claire how to cook*

b) Who is the best cook in the family? *Claire is*

c) Why does Claire think her kids like their grandmother so much? *Because she brings cake and candy*

d) How many kids does Claire have? *2*

e) How many siblings does Claire's husband have? *None*



6. Optional task/homework: find some photos of you and your family and make a presentation to your class talking about the photos.

Listening Scripts

Craig

I have 3 kids, two daughters and a son, and they're all very different. My youngest is called Jack, he is 16 years old, and he loves sport. He plays football every day, he is definitely the healthiest person in our family. The middle child is called Jessica, she is 20 years old and loves animals. She has 2 cats and a dog, but she wants to get even more! My oldest daughter is called Hannah. Hannah is very shy and quiet when you first meet her, but she is very funny when you know her. Hannah got married last year to a man named Chris. Chris is very nice, and he loves football too, so Jack loves him! Sometimes they spend hours talking about their favourite players and teams. So I have 3 kids, but our family is about to get bigger, because Hannah is pregnant! I am so excited, I just can't wait.

Marie

I come from a really big family with lots of cousins and uncles and aunts. I have 4 brothers and 3 sisters. I am the oldest in my family, but I am also the shortest. I live next door to my sister, and I see her and her husband Tom every day. Tom works in a café, and he makes very good coffee, so when we have lunch I always ask him to make the coffee. I don't see my other siblings very often, because most of them live in other countries now, but we still have a big family reunion every year. I have lots of nieces and nephews, and it seems like every time we have a family reunion there are more babies. I want to have kids someday, but I don't want to have a big family. When I was a kid our house was always very loud, and now I really like having a nice quiet house, it's very relaxing. I don't think you can have a relaxing house with so many kids.

Claire

I love my family, but I don't really like when my husband's mother comes to our house for dinner. I would never say this to my husband, but I really don't like his mother. She is the loudest person I have ever met, and she's also just not very nice. She always tells me how I can cook better food, but I am easily the best cook in the family! She is not a great mother-in-law, but she is very good at being a grandmother. My kids absolutely love her, probably because every time she comes to our house she always has candy or cake for my kids. I have one son and one daughter, and I'm pregnant so soon I will have 3 kids. I'm super excited about having a baby again, but I think my mother-in-law is more excited than I am! My husband is an only child, so I think his mother is very, very focussed on this baby.