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Relations and Relatives

Try It Out

Write in one line, the roles of these people in your daily life.

picture
of
grandfather

Your grandfather

picture
of
grandmother

Your grandmother

picture
of
father

Your father

picture
of
mother

Your mother

picture
of
elder/younger
brother

Your elder/younger brother

picture
of
elder/younger
sister

Your elder/younger sister

We live in a house with our family. Family members love, care and help each other. Since, all the family members are related to each other, they are also called relatives. All our relatives, may or may not live with us. But together, they all make up our family.

We have different relations with different members of our family.

Members of a Family

Parents : Our mother and father are called **parents**.

Grandparents : Our parent's father and mother are our **grandparents**. The parents of our mother are our **maternal grandparents**.

The parents of our father are our **paternal grandparents**.

Sibling : Children of the same parents are called **siblings**. Siblings are brothers and sisters.

Aunt : The sister of our father and mother is our **aunt**.

Uncle : The brother of our father and mother is our **uncle**.

Cousins : The children of our aunt and uncle are our **cousins**.

Families can be different, based on :

1. The number of members in a family.
2. Whether the members of a family live together or separately.
3. Whether a family has both the parents or just one parent.



Single-Parent Family

A single-parents family has only one parent, either the mother or the father, and their children.

Foster Parents

Some children do not have parents to look after them. They are called **orphans**. People who do not have children, adopt such children, orphans, and raise them as their own. They are called **foster parents** and the children are said to be under foster care.



Importance of family

Members of a family care, love, respect and help each other. They also share work at home. When we help each other, our work becomes easier.

The families members take meals together. They laugh, chat, play and watch television together. They celebrate festivals and special days together. As children, we should help our family by being obedient.



Knowledge Bee

- **Twins** are two children born at the same time to the same mother. Twins that look alike are called **identical twins**. Twins that do not look alike are called **fraternal twins**.