Family and Relations

Define the following family related vocabulary.

English	Translation	English	Translation
Fiance		Mother-in-law	
Fiancee		Brother-in-law	
Husband		Sister-in-law	
Wife		Uncle	
Groom		Aunt	
Bride		Nephew	
Bridesmaids		Niece	
Groomsmen		Cousin	
Best man		Step-father	
Father		Step-mother	
Mother		Half-brother	
Father-in-law		Half-sister	

Possessive Forms

English has two distinct ways to show possession. Notice the position of the apostrophe.

	Singular	Plural
Title with of	The Queen of England	The United States of America
People with 's or s'	My husband's parents	My parents' friends

^{**}Do not use the possessive "of" form with people unless you are giving their official title.

INCORRECT: The Girlfriend of My Brother is very pretty.

CORRECT: My brother's girlfriend is very pretty.

Introducing Family Members

Say the sentences aloud to help you remember these determiners: this, that, these, those.

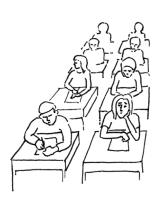


The Wedding Activity

This classroom activity will teach you vocabulary related to family members, possessive forms ('s and s') and the determiners used in introducing people (*this*, *that*).

Step 1

We will divide the class into two halves: the bride's family and the groom's family.





Step 2

We will then choose a bride and a groom.





The groom will tell each member of his family how he or she is related to him. The bride will do likewise. Use the family tree diagram on the facing page to keep track of everyone.

Step 3

Memorize everybody's name and role in the family.

Step 4

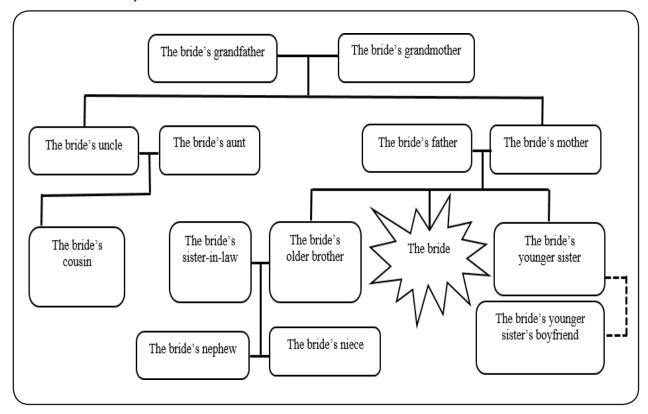
After the wedding, there will be a reception in which the two families will stand up and and introduce themselves to the members of the other family. For example, you can say, "Hi, my name is Nick. I'm the groom's brother."

Step 5

After the reception, introduce someone to the bride or groom at the front of the room. For example, you could introduce someone to the groom like this, "This is Fred. He is the bride's uncle."

Two Families

Draw the bride's family tree here.



Draw the groom's family tree here.

