

### RELATIVES/RELATIONS (=FAMILY MEMBERS)

The members of our families can be called **relatives** or **relations**, e.g. our grandfather/grandmother, cousin, uncle, aunt, etc. The father of the person you marry is your **father-in-law**, and the mother of the person you marry is your **mother-in-law**. Both your father-in-law and mother-in-law are your **parents in law**. The brother of the person you marry is your **brother-in-law**, and the sister of the person you marry is your **sister-in-law**.

Your brother's or your sister's children are your **nephew** (male) or **niece** (female).

### FAMILY BACKGROUND

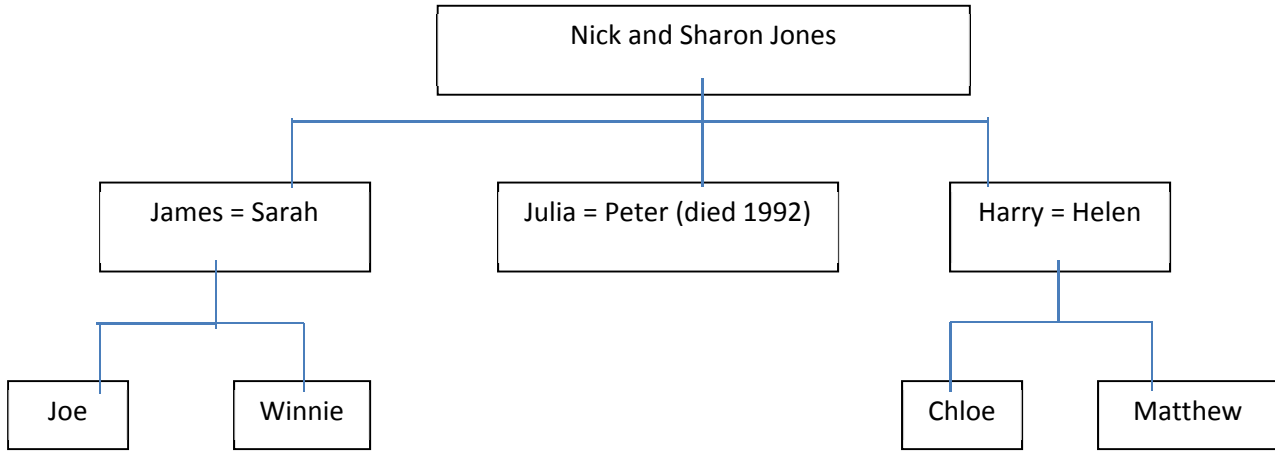
Imagine your grandmother had a huge house with a beautiful garden before she died. When she died, her son and daughter **inherited** the huge house with the beautiful garden (=received the house and the garden from their mother (your grandmother))

### FAMILY NAMES

When you are born, your family gives you a **first name**, for example Kate or James are common first names in Britain as well as Sara, Ana, Marta are in Spain.. Your **family name** (or **surname**) is the one that all the family share like Smith or Brown in Britain as well as García or Martínez in Spain. Some parents decide to give their children a **middle name** (like a first name) but you do not usually say this name like Jose Francisco (Francisco is the middle name). Your **full name** is all the names you have like, for example, Sarah Kate Brown.

Your **colleagues** are the people who you work with.

**1. Look at the family tree and complete the sentences below.**



1. James is Julia's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Chloe is Julia's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Joe and Winnie are Chloe's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Joe is Helen's \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Nick Jones is Matthew's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Harry is Joe's \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Sarah is Chloe's \_\_\_\_\_.
8. As Peter died in 1992, Julia is a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Matthew is Sharon's \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The only two people who are not related are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Answer the following questions about yourself and your country.**

1. What's your first name?
2. What's your surname?
3. Is that a common name in your country?
4. Do you have a middle name?
5. Are you an only child?
6. Who is your oldest friend?
7. Do you work? If so, how many of your work colleagues are also your friends?
8. Do you have any ex-boyfriends or ex-girlfriends who speak English very well?
9. Are single-parent families becoming more common in your country?
10. In your country, do more and more people live together without getting married?

**3. Complete the sentences with “for”, “since” or “ago”**

1. Enzo has been living in Portugal-----2011.
2. His parents came to see him last summer and stayed----- 5 days.
3. Has the post arrived yet? Yes, the postman came 10 minutes-----.
4. Our company was founded 50 years-----by the chairman’s father.
5. I haven’t seen Linda-----she moved to New York last year.
6. The new trainee is going to stay-----two months.
7. My husband is going to take me to Rome-----a long weekend.
8. Paul has been demonstrating the new product-----9 o’clock this morning
9. Six months-----they requested our price list and have had no news-----then.
10. Hi there! I haven’t seen you-----ages.

**4. Which sentence is right? Cross out the one that you think is incorrect.**

1. Jill has lived/lives in Madrid since April.
2. Nick and I are friends. I know/I’ve known him perfectly.
3. Sam and I are friends. I’ve known/ I know him for 6 years.
4. Sorry I’m late again. How long are you waiting/have you been waiting?
5. Silvia works/has worked in a school now. She likes it very much.
6. My father is reading a magazine. He has been reading/is reading it since 9.
7. How long does your best friend live/has your best friend lived in this house?
8. I have/have had this bag for a long time.
9. My English speaking friend Alz has been/is in Spain at the moment. She is/has been here for the last three days.

**5. Put the verb in the present perfect or past simple.**

1. My sister is a journalist. She \_\_\_\_\_ (write) many articles.
2. My friends and I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go) on holiday last summer.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film yesterday evening.
4. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (you/have) a shower last night?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/be) to a foreign country?
6. The food in the restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) very good yesterday.
7. My brother is a writer. He \_\_\_\_\_ (write) 20 novels so far.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (close) the door before going out this afternoon.
9. I live in Scotland now, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Brazil for many years.
10. He doesn’t know if the United States is beautiful. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) there.