**Family Members**

Materials: Words to Describe Family Members, This is my family, What do you call this relative?

Objectives: Students will be able to identify the members of their family using generic terms.

Vocabulary: See the handout - Words to describe family members

1. Ask the whole class the following questions:

A. Who usually lives together in one house in your home country?

B. Is your living situation in the U.S. different than it was in your home country?

C. If it is different, do you like it? Why? Why not?

2. Give each student a copy of the handout This is my family. Let the students fill this out on their own or with the help of other students.

3. After they have finished filling out the forms ask for a few volunteers to share their information.

4. Ask the students to tell you in their native language what they call their various relatives. See if in describing them they are defining them correctly in English. For example, if they say their mother’s sister is called xxx, you know they understand the generic terms for mother and sister.

5. Give each student a copy of What do you call this relative? Depending on the class you can do this as a group activity or have them work on it individually and then share their answers.

6. Give each student a copy of Words to Describe Family Members. Have the students take turns reading the definitions. Ask them if in their native language they have terms to describe all those relationships. Ask them if they have terms to describe relationships that we don’t use in English.

7. A homework assignment would be for the students to write a story about their family using both the generic term and personal name of the family members they are writing about. For example: My aunt Julia had two children. These were my cousins, Alice and James. Etc.

Words to Describe Family Members

Husband – the man you are married to

Wife – the woman you are married to

Spouse – a husband or wife

Son – your male (boy) child

Daughter – your female (girl) child

Children/Offspring –all your sons and daughters

Next of kin – your closest living relative or relatives (mother, father, son, daughter, etc.)

Father – your male (man) parent

Stepfather – the man who is married to your mother but who is not your biological father

Mother – your female (woman) parent

Stepmother – the woman who is married to your father but who is not your biological mother

Parents – your mother and your father

Grandfather – your mother or father’s father (man)

Grandmother – your mother or father’s mother (woman)

Grandparents – your mother or father’s parents

Grandchildren – all the children of your sons and daughters

Granddaughters – all the female children of your sons and daughters

Grandsons – all the male children of your sons and daughters

Sister – your female (girl) sibling

Stepsister – the female child of your stepmother or stepfather

Half-sister – a sister who is the biological child of only your mother or father

Brother – your male (boy) sibling

Stepbrother – the male child of your stepmother or stepfather

Half-brother – a brother who is the biological child of only your mother or father

Sibling – a sister or brother

Aunt – your mother or father’s sister

Uncle – your mother or father’s brother

Niece – your sister or brother’s female child

Nephew – your sister or brother’s male child

Cousins – your aunt or uncle’s children

Mother-in-law - your husband or wife’s mother

Father-in-law - your husband or wife’s father

Brother-in-law - your husband or wife’s brother

Sister-in-law - your husband or wife’s sister

Daughter-in-law – your son’s wife

Son-in-law – your daughter’s husband

In-laws – all the people you are related to by marriage

This is my family.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My spouse’s name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sons (boys).

I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ daughters (girls).

I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sisters (girls).

I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brothers (boys).

When I was a child I was very close to these people. (for example: my sister, my mother, etc.)

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My happiest memory of them is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Now I am very close to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We are happy when we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do you call this relative?

1. your female (girl) child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. your sister or brother’s male child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. your mother and your father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. your aunt or uncle’s children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. all your sons and daughters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. your mother or father’s sister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. all the children of your sons and daughters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. the man who is married to your mother but who is not your biological father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. your daughter’s husband \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. a husband or wife \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. your mother or father’s brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. your sister or brother’s female child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. your husband or wife’s sister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. your mother or father’s parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. the male child of your stepmother or stepfather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_