

To get to know each other's families

Objective: to present one's own family with the help of photos or to draw a family tree. This way you will also get to know the family of your tandem partner. Beginners can learn and practice vocabulary connected to family.

Language level: A2

Word categories: family, adjectives (of age, size, etc.)

Grammar: possessive pronouns, comparatives of adjectives

Materials needed: family pictures, paper, and pencils

How: You show each other pictures and explain, what your relationship is with this particular person. For example: "This is my mother Carmen. She is married to my father Bernd."

Another illustrative idea to get to know the family of the tandem partner is to draw a family tree of one's own family. How this can look like is illustrated as an example on the next page.

Vocabulary:

*This is my ... These are my ...
He / she is ... married to ... / divorced / in a relationship with ... /
in a domestic partnership with ...
He / she is single / unmarried.
I am related to ...*

family, parents, kids

father, mother

son, daughter, sister, brother, siblings

aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, cousin

grandparents, granddaughter, grandson, grandchild / grandchildren

(great-) grandpa / granddad / grandfather, (great-) grandma / granny / grandmother

mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law

stepfather, stepmother

cousin, brother-in-law, sister-in-law

husband, wife, (married) couple, spouse, fiancé, fiancée, engaged couple, (unmarried)

partner, boyfriend, girlfriend

child / children, only child

Tips & variations: After presenting each other's families you can enhance this task and exchange other interesting information such as: what character does each person have? What kind of quirks or strange habits does each family member have?