

My family's story

In this lesson, you will learn how to show possession in English and you will review the names of family members.

Rule: When you want to say that something belongs to someone in English, you use 's.

For example: John's cat is black and white. (the cat belongs to John)

Grandmother's cookies are delicious. (the cookies are made by grandmother)

My cousin's house is on Broad Street. (the house belongs to my cousin)

The dog's toys make a squeaky sound. (the toys belong to the dog)

The sofa's cushions are soft. (the cushions are on the sofa)

Read the story, and then answer the questions. Review the vocabulary, and then do the activity.

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My name is Robert, and I am nineteen years old. I have a large family. I am one of eight children. I have seven siblings: three brothers and four sisters. My brothers and I are all older than our sisters. My youngest sibling is Silvia, and she is thirteen years old. My oldest sibling is my brother, Arthur, who is twenty-nine years old. I am right in the middle—I have four siblings older than I am. Although we are many, and sometimes we argue, we are a very close family. We work and play together, and we all help each other.

Did you understand?

1. Who is Robert's oldest sibling?
2. Who is Robert's youngest sibling?
3. Where is Robert's place among his siblings?
4. Is Robert's sister, Silvia, younger or older than Robert?
5. Describe your family; is it bigger or smaller than Robert's? Who is your oldest sibling?

Review the following vocabulary, and then do the activity.

mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew,
son, daughter, child, wife, husband, partner, spouse, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law,
brother-in-law

parents, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, cousins, relatives,
sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law

Practice: My family

For each question, give your relationship to the person listed.

Example: Who is your mother's mother?

She is my grandmother.

1. Who is your mother's sister?

2. Who is your sister's son?

3. Who is your brother's daughter?

4. Who is your father's father?

5. Who is your son's son?

6. Who is your son's daughter?

7. Who is your wife's brother?

8. Who is your husband's sister?

9. Who are your mother and your father?

They are my parents.

10. Who are your grandmother and your grandfather?

11. Who are your uncle's children?

12. Who are all of your family members?

13. Who are your grandson and your granddaughter?

14. Who are your brothers and your sisters?