## family

### Learn with television

**Talk French: Programme 2**
Meet a large French family living near Aix-en-Provence and watch guests at a wedding talking about their families. Be a guest at a French christening and meet the baby’s relatives.

**French Experience I: Programme 2**
Attend another wedding and learn how to talk about your own family.

Both series are repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on [www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone) and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.

### Learn online

[www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french)

**French Steps**

**Stage 2: Talking about the family**
Join Hakim M’Barek as he visits an old friend and meets his wife and family for the first time. Watch the slideshow and have a go at the activities.

**Talk French: The family**
Learn how to introduce your own family – first watch the video clips, go through the transcript, do the activities then check your progress.

### Learning hint

Dig out some family group photos, the more people in them the better. Point to each person in the photo and say who they are using *Voici mon/ma ...*. Even better, get together with someone else who’s learning French and ask about the people in his or her photos by pointing and saying *Qui est-ce?* Then answer that person’s questions about your photos.

### Key language

- **Qui est-ce?** Who’s this?
- **C’est...** It’s ...
- **Voici mon/ma ...** This is my ... (m/f)
- **Vous avez des frères et soeurs?** Have you got any brothers and sisters?
- **J’ai ...** I have ...
- **Vous avez quel âge?** How old are you?
- **J’ai vingt ans** I am twenty years old
- **Vous êtes marié(e)?** Are you married?
- **Je suis ...** I am ...

- **le mari** husband
- **la femme** wife
- **le frère** brother
- **la soeur** sister
- **le fils** son
- **la fille** daughter
- **célibataire** single
- **marié(e)** married

### Quiz

1. How would you say you have two children?
2. Would you introduce your cousin Nathalie by saying *Voici mon cousin* or *Voici ma cousine*?
3. How would Prince Charles say how many brothers and sisters he has?
4. There are two ways you can say ‘I’m single’; one is *Je ne suis pas marié(e)*, what’s the other way?
5. What is *une famille nombreuse*?
6. How would a girl say ‘I’m an only child’?

Answers on [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml)