

Useful vocabulary – You and your family

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Family members

French	English
la mère	mum
le père	dad
la belle-mère	stepmum
le beau-père	stepdad
le frère	brother
la sœur	sister
le beau- frère	stepbrother
la belle- sœur	stepsister
la grand-mère	grandmother
le grand-père	grandfather
la tante	aunt
l'oncle (m)	uncle
la niece	niece
le neveu	nephew
le cousin	cousin (male)
la cousine	cousin (female)

Other useful nouns

French	English
l'enfant (m)	child
le fils	son
la fille	girl, daughter
le mari	husband
la femme	woman, wife
le copain	friend, boyfriend
la copine	friend, girlfriend

Useful adjectives – Nationalities and languages

French	English
allemand(e)	German
anglais(e)	English
britannique	British
canadien(ne)	Canadian
espagnol(e)	Spanish
français(e)	French

Useful adjectives – Faith

French	English
bouddhiste	Buddhist
chrétien(ne)	Christian
juif/juive	Jewish
musulman(e)	Muslim

Useful adjectives – Gender identity and relationship status

French	English
bi(sexuel) / bi(sexuelle)	bi(sexual)
célibataire	single, unmarried
gay	gay
hétéro	straight, heterosexual
marié(e)	married
non-binaire	non-binary
queer	queer
transgenre	trans

Useful verbs – Talking about yourself, family and friends

French	English
compter	to count, to count on
discuter (de + noun)	to discuss, talk about
encourager (à + infinitive)	to encourage (+ verb)
exprimer	to express
marier, se marier (avec)	to marry, get married (to)
parler	to speak, to talk
partager	to share

passer	to spend time with
rencontrer	to meet, run into
s'appeler	to be names
séparer, se séparer	to separate, break up
soutenir	to tolerate, bear, put up with

Higher Tier - Nouns

French	English
l'enfant (m) unique	only child
la maman	mum, mummy

Higher Tier – Nationality, language and faith

French	English
africain(e)	African
arabe	Arabic, Arab
belge	Belgium
chinois(e)	Chinese
francophone	French-speaking
marocain(e)	Moroccan
québécois(e)	from Quebec
suisse	Swiss
catholique	Catholic

Higher Tier – Useful verbs to describe relationships

French	English
apprécier	to appreciate, like
garder	to keep, take care of, look after
grandir	to get bigger, get taller, grow
présenter	to introduce someone to
respecter	to respect