family

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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 and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.

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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