

English Vocabulary – Family & Relatives

Masculine	Feminine	Both
father / dad / daddy / pa	mother / mom / mommy / mum / mummy / ma	parents
son	daughter	children / kids
brother	sister	siblings
uncle	aunt	-----
nephew	niece	-----
cousin	cousin	cousins
grandfather / grandpa	grandmother / grandma	grandparents
grandson	granddaughter	grandchildren / grandkids
great grandfather	great grandmother	great grandparents
great grandson	great granddaughter	great grandchildren / great grandkids

Relatives gained by first marriage:

Masculine	Feminine	Both
husband / spouse	wife / spouse	spouses
brother-in-law	sister-in-law	-----
father-in-law	mother-in-law	parents-in-law
son-in-law	daughter-in-law	-----

Relatives gained by second marriage:

Masculine	Feminine	Both
stepfather	stepmother	step-parents
stepson	stepdaughter	stepchildren (step-family)
stepbrother	stepsister	step-siblings

Relations that don't exist (!):

*stepwife, stephusband
wife-in-law, husband-in-law*

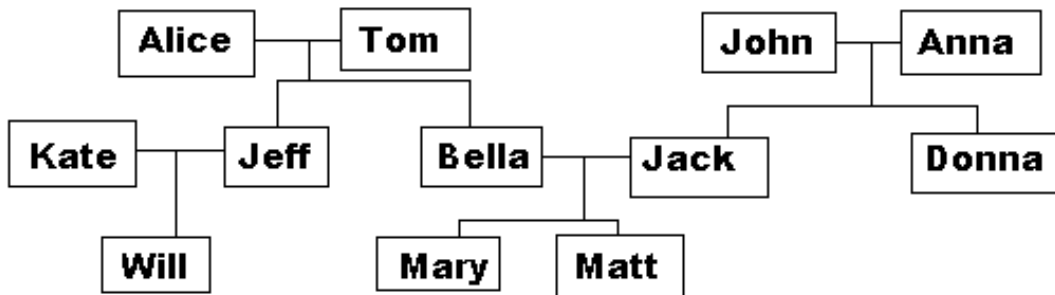
Online exercise: <https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/family-quiz.htm>

Extract from a CNN news article, January 2024:

Civil war echoes

Karen Finney is the great-great-great-great niece of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and great-great-great granddaughter of a freed slave from Virginia.

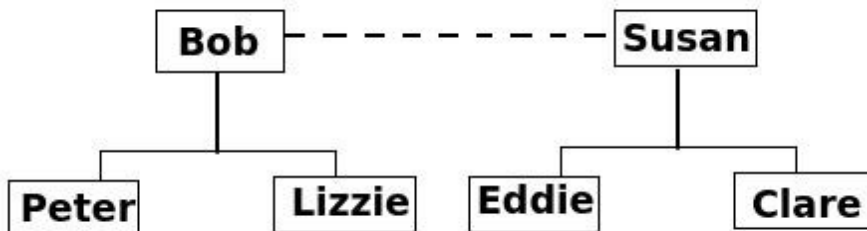
Exercise 1: Look at the family tree and complete the sentences.



Note: Bob's = "do Bob" / Mary's = "da Mary" (possessive)

- a) Tom is Jeff's _____. Jeff is Tom's _____.
- b) Alice is Tom's _____. Tom is Alice's _____.
- c) Matt is Will's _____. Will is Matt's _____.
- d) Jeff is Bella's _____. Bella is Jeff's _____.
- e) Anna is Mary's _____. Mary is Anna's _____.
- f) Who is Bella's nephew? It is _____.
- g) Kate is Bella's _____. Bella is Kate's _____.
- h) Bella is John's _____. John is Bella's _____.

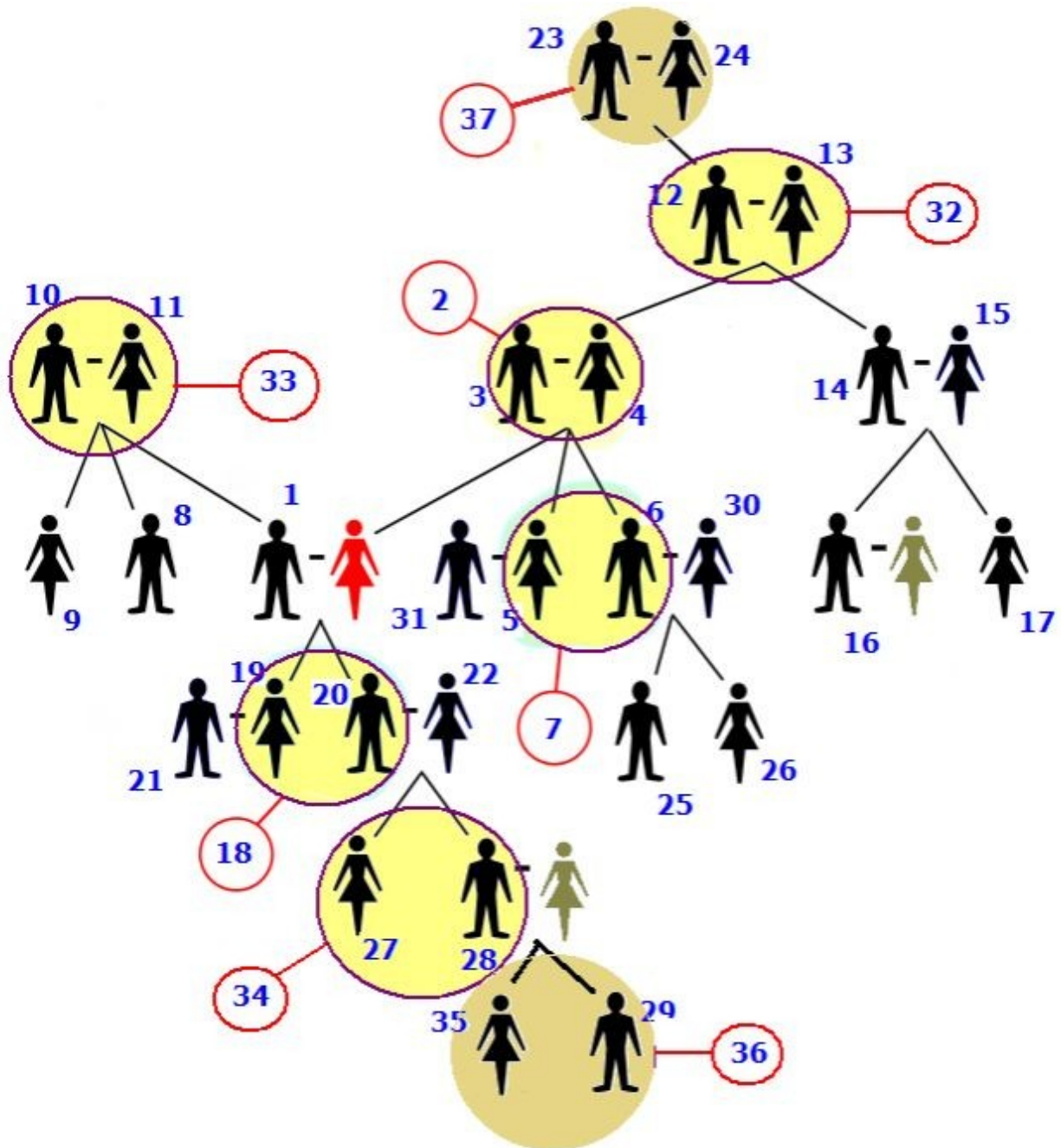
Exercise 2: Bob divorced his first wife and then married Susan.



- a) Bob is Eddie's _____. Eddie is Bob's _____.
- b) Clare is Bob's _____. Bob is Clare's _____.
- c) Peter is Clare's _____. Clare is Peter's _____.

Exercise 3.

Analyze the diagram and complete the table on the next page. Note that all relationships are from the perspective of the **red figure** (the two green figures don't have relationship names in English). A hyphen represents marriage. For example 23 is married to 24.



	Name of Relative		Name of Relative
1		21	
2		22	
3		23	
4		24	
5		25	
6		26	
7		27	
8		28	
9		29	
10		30	
11		31	
12		32	
13		33	
14		34	
15		35	
16		36	
17		37	
18			
19			
20			

Exercise 4.

Paul and Mary had a baby boy on January 2nd. Their new son Christopher weighs 5 kg. He has a sister Rachel, 6, and a brother Malcolm, 4. Christopher's uncle Jim and aunt Kathy were present at his birth. His grandparents, Lisa and Mike, were also present. His cousins Jerry, Fern, and Lindsay are very excited to see baby Chris! They will come to visit soon! Christopher's proud parents would like to thank everybody for their wonderful gifts.

1. What is Christopher's mother's name? _____
2. Who are Christopher's siblings? _____
3. Who is Kathy? _____
4. Who will come to see Chris soon? _____
5. Who is Kathy in relation to Mary? _____