

French Lesson 7

Vocabulary – La Famille (Family)

voici... This is ...	voici mon père. This is my father.
et voici... And this is...	et voici ma mère. And this is my mother
un frère brother	une soeur sister
un cousin cousin (m)	une cousine cousin (f)
un père father	une mère mother
un oncle uncle	une tante aunt
papa daddy	maman mommy
un fils son	une fille daughter
un grand-père grandfather	une grand-mère grandmother
un chat cat	une chatte cat
un chien dog	une chienne dog
curieux curious	tant mieux! so much for the better!
vraiment really	ah bon? Really?

Dialogue 1

<p>A: Voici mon père. <i>This is my father.</i></p> <p>B: Et la femme, c'est ta mère? <i>And the woman, is she your mother?</i></p> <p>A: Non. C'est ma tante Marie. <i>No. It's my aunt Marie.</i></p> <p>B: Et le garçon, c'est ton cousin? <i>And the boy, is he your cousin?</i></p>	<p>A: Oui, c'est mon cousin Guillaume. Il a 15 ans. <i>Yes, it's my cousin, Guillaume. He is 15 years old.</i></p> <p>B: Et la fille, c'est ta cousine? <i>And the girl, is she your cousin?</i></p> <p>A: Non, c'est une copine. <i>No. that's a friend.</i></p> <p>B: Une copine ou ta copine? <i>A friend or girlfriend?</i></p> <p>A: Dis donc! Tu es vraiment curieux (curieuse)! <i>Wow! You are very curious!</i></p>
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Dialogue 2

<p>A: Bonjour! Bienvenue chez moi! <i>Hello! Welcome to my place!</i></p> <p>B: Bonjour! Qui est la femme? <i>Hello! Who is the woman?</i></p> <p>A: La femme est ma soeur. Elle s'appelle Anne et elle a 35 ans. <i>The woman is my sister. She's 35 years old. Her name is Anne.</i></p> <p>B: D'accord. Et qui est le garçon, s'il te plaît? <i>Okay. And who's the boy, please?</i></p> <p>A: Le garçon s'appelle Richard. Il est le fils de ma soeur. Il a 8 ans. <i>The boy's name is Richard. He's my sister's son. He's eight years old.</i></p> <p>B: Ah, d'accord. Est-ce qu'il parle anglais? <i>Okay. Does he speak English?</i></p>	<p>A: Non, il ne parle pas anglais mais il parle espagnol. <i>No. He does not speak English but he speaks Spanish.</i></p> <p>B: D'accord. Et qui est le monsieur? <i>Okay. And who is the man?</i></p> <p>A: Il est mon frère. Il s'appelle Guillaume. Il a 37 ans et il parle anglais. <i>He's my brother. His name is Guillaume. He's 37 years old and he speaks English.</i></p> <p>B: Tant mieux. Je ne parle pas espagnol! <i>So much for the better. I don't speak Spanish!</i></p> <p>A: J'ai une grande famille, non? <i>I have a big family, don't I?</i></p> <p>B: Oui, c'est vrai! Tu as une grande famille! <i>Yes, it's true. You have a big family.</i></p>
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Possessive Pronouns

In French the possessive must agree with the noun it's describing.

MASCULINE	FEMININE
mon cousin my cousin (male)	ma cousine my cousin (female)
mon frère my brother	ma soeur my sister
mes frères my brothers	mes soeurs my sisters
ton cousin your cousin	ta cousine your cousin (female)
ton frère your brother	ta soeur your sister
tes frères your brothers	tes soeurs your sisters
son cousin his/her cousin (m)	sa cousine his/her cousin (f)
ses cousins his/her cousins (m)	ses cousines his/her cousins (f)

You can use the following to memorize the possessive pronouns:

mon/ma/mes | ton/ta/tes | son/sa/ses

Please keep in mind that before a feminine noun that starts with a vowel **ma** becomes **mon**.

Example: You don't say "ma amie" because it sounds funny. So, you say "mon amie".

Exercise 1

You're showing somebody your photo album. Say who the following people are using mon or ma.

example: cousin Guillaume: **Voici mon cousin Guillaume.**

Frère	Père	Copine Cristine	Chien Argus (masculine)
Soeur	Mère	Amie Laurence	Chat Mimi (masculine)
Tante Marie	Copain Claude	Grand-mère Sarah	Cousine Pauline
Oncle Jacques	Ami Étienne	Grand-père Paul	

Exercise 2: What's his or her name?

Ask your friend to name a family member, friend or pet. You can make up the names.

Example: "Le copain" **A:** Comment s'appelle ton copain? **B:** Mon copain s'appelle Paul.

La tante	La cousine	La grand-mère
L'oncle	La copine	Le chien
Le cousin	Le grand-père	Le chat

Vocabulary – Quel âge as-tu?

Quel âge as-tu? How old are you?

J'ai + NUMBER + ans. I am NUMBER years old. J'ai vingt-cinq ans. I'm 25 years old.

Quel âge a ton père? *How old is your father?*

Il a quarante-cinq ans. *He's 45 years old.*

Quel âge a ta mère? *How old is your mother?*

Elle a quarante-deux ans. *She is 42 years old.*

Exercise 1 – How old is this person?

Ask your friend the age of the following people.

Example: Marc (23) – **A:** Quel âge a Marc? How old is marc? **B:** Marc a vingt-trois ans. Marc is 23 years old.

Paul (25)	Stéphanie 68	George 87
Eric (56)	Sarah 13	Julie 69

Yves (82)	Michèle (48)	Laurence (72)
Thierry (85)	Isabelle (22)	Odette (75)

Exercise 2 – I want to know!

Find out the ages of your friend's relatives or classmates. You can make up the age.

Example: "le copain" **A:** Quel âge a ton copain? **B:** Mon copain a 25 ans.

Le père	La tante	Le grand-père
La mère	Le cousin	La grand-mère
L'oncle	La cousine	

Numbers In the Hundreds

Once you hit the hundreds in French it's pretty straight forward. For 100 you just say "cent". For example 110 is "cent-dix". Then, for 200, 300 etc you say, "deux-cent", "trois-cent" etc. Let's try these:

100	300	500	700	900
200	400	600	800	1,000 (mille)

Now let's do a review of 60-99 but with the hundreds. Simply say the numbers below.

165	375	782	278	193	886	578	790
289	287	991	798	368	981	476	671
576	888	787	787	492	786	295	967
499	975	995	967	961	992	190	871

Pronunciation Exercise

French has two nasal sounds which can be a bit tricky. They are "an" and "en". For example: **Tante** and **Oncle**. Can you hear the difference? In the following remember not to pronounce the "N" after the nasal sound.

Ans tante grand-père français

anglais quarante cinquante

trente Henri Laurent

Here are some words with "On"

Non mon ton bonjour oncle

garçon onze

Practice sentence:

Mon oncle français a trente ans