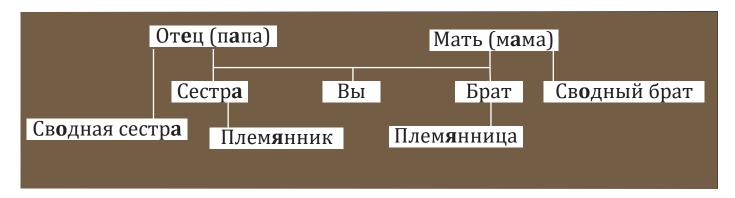
Lesson 2: Family, Friends, and Relationships (Семья, друзья и отношения)

Family (Семья́)

Let's take a look at the family tree (**семе́йное де́рево**) – a scheme showing the relationships between family members (**член семьи́**). In the picture, you can see yourself, your parents (**роди́тель**) – your mother (**мать, ма́ма**) and father (**оте́ц, па́па**).

Some people have brothers (**брат**) and sisters (**сестра́**). If people have cildren from a previous marriage, those children are «**сво́дный брат**» or «**сво́дная сестра**» to each other. The kids of your brother or sister are nephews (**племя́нник**) or nieces



Parents of your parents are called grandmother (ба́бушка) and grandfather (де́-душка). The parents of your grandparents are great grandmother (праба́бушка) and great grandfather (праде́душка). Each «level» of the family tree is called a generation (поколе́ние от коле́но).



The brother of your mother or father is your uncle (дя́дя), and the sister of your mother or father is your aunt (тётя). The child of your uncle and aunt is your cousin (двою́родный брат ог двою́родная сестра́). Your children are either son (сын) or daughter (дочь), and your grandchildren are grandson (внук) or granddaughter (вну́чка).

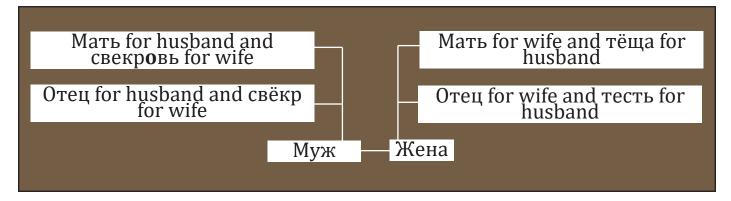
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The general term for any of your family member is relative (ро́дственник).

If you're married, you have a husband (**муж**) or a wife (**женá**). The general word for the person to whom you are married to is a spouse (**cyπpýr** for a man and **cyπpýra** for a woman). There are special terms for each of the spouse's family members.

For a husband, his wife's parents are mother-in-law (тёща) and father-in-law (тесть). For a wife, her husband's parents are mother-in-law (свекро́вь) and father-in-law (свёкр).



Friends (Друзья́)

Someone you don't know at all is a stranger (незнако́мец for a man and незнако́м-ка for a woman), and if you know someone or have been introduced to them, but have no close relationship, such people are called an acquaintance (знако́мый for a man and знако́мая for a woman).

The people you are working with are colleagues (колле́га). People you go to school with are your classmates (однокла́ссник for a man and однокла́ссница for a woman). A person you go to high school or university with is your соку́рсник for a man and соку́рсница for a woman).

In Russian there are few words for «friends»: друзья́ (plural) (друг for a man, подру́га for a woman), прия́тели (plural) (прия́тель for a man, прия́тельница for a woman), това́рищи (plural) (товарищ both for men and women).

Friends like to hang out (туси́ть - informal) - spend time together in an informal situation.



The opposite of a friend is an enemy (враг) – someone who you hate and who hates you. You can also have a rival (сопе́рник for man, сопе́рница for a woman) - someone you are competing with in some area.

Relationships (Отношения)

Let's talk romance. To fall in love in Russian is 'влюби́ться'.

Lots of relationships start with flirting (флирт) – showing romantic interest in a fun and joking way. Then a couple might go out on a date (свида́ние) – a romantic encounter (встре́ча) like a dinner and a movie.

If they decide to stay in a relationship they become boyfriend (па́рень or молодо́й челове́к) and girlfriend (де́вушка). When one of them (in Russia – the man) proposes (де́лать предложе́ние), and the person says 'yes', they become engaged (обручены́).

At the wedding (сва́дьба) the woman is called the bride (неве́ста) and the man is called the groom (жени́х). After the wedding they are husband and wife. Same-sex couples use the word partner (партнёр) instead.

The first month after the wedding is called 'медовый месяц' and the couple usually goes on a honeymoon (сва́дебное путеше́ствие) – a romantic trip together. And every year they celebrate their anniversary (годовщина сва́дьбы) – the date they got married.

If the marriage didn't go well, it can be dissolved and the couple can divorce (разводи́ться). After the divorce, they become ex-husband (бы́вший муж) or ex-wife



(бы́вшая жена́). You can also say 'бы́вший па́рень' (ex-boyfriend), 'бы́вшая де́вушка' to refer to the boyfriend or girlfriend you have separated from.

Finally, if someone dies while still married, the surviving spouse is called a widow (вдова́ for awoman) or a widower (вдове́ц in case of a man).

Упражнения по произношению (Pronunciaton practice)

Семья́, семе́йное де́рево, член семьи́, роди́тель, мать, ма́ма, оте́ц, па́па, брат, сестра́, сво́дный брат, сво́дная сестра, племя́нник, племя́нница, ба́бушка, де́душка, праба́бушка, праде́душка, поколе́ние, коле́но, дя́дя, тетя, двою́родный брат, двою́родная сестра́, сын, дочь, внук, вну́чка, ро́дственник, муж, жена́, супру́г, супру́га, теща, тесть, свекро́вь, све́кр, незнако́мец, незнако́мка, знако́мый, знако́мая, колле́га, однокла́ссник, однокла́ссница, соку́рсник, соку́рсница, друзья́, друг, подру́га, приятели, прия́тель, прия́тельница, това́рищи, това́рищ, туси́ть, враг, сопе́рник, сопе́рница, влюби́ться, флирт, свида́ние, встре́ча, па́рень, молодо́й челове́к, де́вушка, де́лать предложе́ние, обручены́, сва́дьба, неве́ста, жени́х, партнер, медо́вый ме́сяц, сва́дебное путеше́ствие, годовщи́на сва́дьбы, разводи́ться, бы́вший муж, бы́вшая жена́, бы́вший па́рень, бы́вшая де́вушка, вдова́, вдове́ц.

Quiz 1. Complete the phrases with the correct word (5 are not used!)

Супруги, влюбиться, тусить, свадьба, бабушка, муж, жена, знакомый, враг, свидание, невеста, внук, вдова, обручены, встреча.

1. After the marriage жених becomes		
2. When a man asks a girl to go out with him, they go on		
3. The day of celebration that begins a marriage is		
4. Someone you know a little is your		
5 usually wears a white dress on her wedding day.		
6. You're (male) for your grandparents.		
7. When a couple is married they become		
8. After the death of a husband the wife becomes a		
9. You often go with your friends.		
10. When you are in love with someone you		

Quiz 2. Complete the phrases with correct word:

1. Your sister's son is your π	·
2. Your mother's sister is your τ	·
3. Your father's father is your д	-
4. Your mother's grandfather is your i	[
5. Your mother and father are your p_	·
6. Your wife's mother is your т	·
7. Your father is c for	your wife.
8. Your sister's daughter is а д daughter.	c for your son or
9. You are в (в) for your grandmother.
10. Your daughter from the previous your wife's son ofrom the previous m	marrige c for arrige.

Keys to the Quiz 1

- 1. After the marriage жених becomes муж.
- 2. When a man asks a girl to go out with him, they go on a свидание.
- 3. The celebration day begins a marriage is свадьба.
- 4. Someone you know just a little is your знакомый.
- 5. Невеста usually wears a white dress on her wedding day.
- 6. You're внук (male) for your grandparents.
- 7. When a couple is married they become супруги.
- 8. After the death of a husband the wife become а вдова.
- 9. You often go тусить with your friends.
- 10. When you are in love with someone you влюбиться.

Keys to the Quiz 2

- 1. Your sister's son is your племянник.
- 2. Your mother's sister is your тётя.
- 3. Your father's father is your дедушка.
- 4. Your mother's grandfather is your прадедушка.
- 5. Your mother and father are your родители.
- 6. Your wife's mother is your тёща.
- 7. Your father is свёкр for your wife.
- 8. Your sister's daughter is a двоюродная сестра for your son or daughter.
- 9. You are внук (внучка) for your grandmother.
- 10. Your daughter from the previous marrige сводная сестра for your wife's son from the previous marrige.