**La famille**

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| brother | *un*[*frère*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/frere.wav) |  | sister | *une [sœur](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/soeur.wav)* |
| father | *un [père](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/pere.wav)* |  | mother | *une [mère](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/mere.wav)* |
| son | *un [fils](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/fils.wav)* |  | daughter | *une [fille](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/fille.wav)* |
| husband spouse | *un [mari](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/mari.wav)* *un [époux](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/epoux.wav)* |  | wife spouse | *une*[*femme*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/femme.wav) *une [épouse](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/epouse.wav)* |
| uncle | *un [oncle](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/oncle.wav)* |  | aunt | *une [tante](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/tante.wav)* |
| nephew | *un [neveu](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/neveu.wav)* |  | niece | *une [nièce](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/niece.wav)* |
| cousin – male | *un*[*cousin*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/cousin.wav) |  | cousin – female | *une [cousine](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/cousine.wav)* |
| grandfather | *un*[*grand-père*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/grandpere.wav) |  | grandmother | *une*[*grand-mère*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/grandmere.wav) |
| great grandfather | [*arrière*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/arriere.wav)*-grand-père* |  | great grandmother | *arrière-grand-mère* |
| grandson | *un*[*petit-fils*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/petitfils.wav) |  | granddaughter | *une*[*petite-fille*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/petitefille.wav) |
| great grandson | *arrière-petit-fils* |  | great granddaughter | *arrière-petite-fille* |

**Special family terms**

*Un aîné / une aînée* can refer to an older brother/sister, the oldest brother/sister, or the first-born son/daughter.

*Un cadet / une cadette* can refer to a younger brother/sister or the second-born son/daughter in a family.

*Le benjamin / la benjamine* is the youngest child in a family.

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 For twins, triplets, etc., see the "multiple births" section of [Multiplicative numbers](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/vocabulary/multiplicative-numbers/).

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| extended family |  | *la famille étendue* |
| blended family |  | *la famille recomposée* |

**Family by marriage ~ Famille par alliance**

In French, there’s no distinction between step-family and family-in-law: they are both equivalent to *beau-* or *belle-* plus that family member.

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| step-father father-in-law | [*beau-père*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/beau-pere.wav) |  | step-mother mother-in-law | [*belle-mère*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/belle-mere.wav) |
| step-brother brother-in-law | [*beau-frère*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/beau-frere.wav) |  | step-sister sister-in-law | [*belle-sœur*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/belle-soeur.wav) |
| step-son son-in-law | [*beau-fils*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/beau-fils.wav) |  | step-daughter daughter-in-law | [*belle-fille*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/belle-fille.wav) |
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| But there are some additional terms for in-laws: | | | | |
| in-laws | *les*[*beaux-parents*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/beaux-parents.wav), *la*[*belle-famille*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/belle-famille.wav) | | | |
| son-in-law | *le [gendre](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/gendre.wav)* |  | daughter-in-law | *la [bru](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/bru.wav)* |

**Adoptive Family ~ Famille adoptive**

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| biological father | *père [biologique](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/biologique.wav)* |  | biological mother | *mère biologique* |
| adoptive father | *père [adoptif](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/adoptif.wav)* |  | adoptive mother | *mère*[*adoptive*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/adoptive.wav) |
| adopted son | *fils adoptif* |  | adopted daughter | *fille adoptive* |

**Foster Family ~ Famille nourricière / Famille d’accueil**

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| foster father | *père [nourricier](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/nourricier.wav) / [d’accueil](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/daccueil.wav)* |
| foster mother | *mère [nourricière](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/nourriciere.wav) / d’accueil* |
| foster child | [*enfant placé dans une famille*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/enfant-place-dans-une-famille.wav) |

**Godparents and Godchildren**

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| godfather | [*parrain*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/parrain.wav) |  | godmother | [*marraine*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/marraine.wav) |
| godson | [*filleul*](https://www.lawlessfrench.com/wavs/filleul.wav) |  | goddaughter | *filleule* (pronounced like *filleul*) |