

## Communicative Goals

### Unité: Ma Famille et Moi

#### Interpersonal Speaking

I can answer a variety of simple questions about my family

I can tell someone about my family

I can ask simple questions about others' families

#### Presentational Speaking

I can present information about myself and members of my family, such as our personalities and what we like to do.

#### Presentational Writing

I can list my family members, their ages, their relationships to me, and what they like to do.

#### Interpretive Listening

I can understand when someone gives information about members of their family.

#### Interpretive Reading

I can recognize words for family members, personality traits and physical characteristics.

### Quelques Notes sur la Grammaire

1. Use the verb « être » to describe people's personalities, physical traits, and relationships:

être - to be	
je suis (I am)	nous sommes (we are)
tu* es (you are)	vous* êtes (you are)
il est (he is)	ils sont (they are)
elle est (she is)	elles sont (they are)
on est (we are/they are)	“on” literally means “one” but is often used to replace “we” or “they”

#### Note :

- Use « tu » to mean you when you are talking to one person who is your friend or family member.
- Use “vous” to mean you when you are talking to an adult who is not in your family or a group of people.

2. Use the verb « avoir » to talk about possessions, relationships and some personal characteristics, such as hairs, eyes, smile, etc.:

avoir - to have	
j'ai (I have)	nous avons (we have)
tu* as (you have)	vous* avez (you have)
il a (he has)	ils ont (they have)
elle a (she has)	elles ont (they have)
on a (we have/they have)	

3. Use the verb « **aimer** » to talk about what people “like”

<b>aimer - to like/to love</b>	
j'aime (I like/love)	nous aimons (we like)
tu* aimes (you like)	vous* aimez (you like)
il aime (he likes)	ils aiment (they like)
elle aime (she likes)	elles aiment (they like)
on aime (we like/they like)	

4. The words **my/your/his/her/our/their** are important when talking about your family:

	Before a masculine word or word that starts with a vowel	Before a feminine word	Before a plural word
<b>my</b>	<b>mon</b>	<b>ma</b>	<b>mes</b>
<b>your*</b>	<b>ton</b>	<b>ta</b>	<b>tes</b>
<b>his/her</b>	<b>son</b>	<b>sa</b>	<b>ses</b>
<b>our</b>	<b>notre</b>	<b>notre</b>	<b>nos</b>
<b>your*</b>	<b>votre</b>	<b>votre</b>	<b>vos</b>
<b>their</b>	<b>leur</b>	<b>leur</b>	<b>leurs</b>

**Note :**

- Use « ton/ta/tes» to mean *your* when you are talking to one person who is your friend or family member.
- Use “votre/vos” to mean *your* when you are talking to an adult who is not in your family or a group of people.
- These possessive articles match the gender and number of whom or what is being spoken about NOT the person who is speaking, i.e. We use “ma” for “ma mère” regardless of our own gender.

5. Here are some words that you can use to describe people in your family. (You may also use your previous handouts regarding personal description.)

	To describe men/boys	To describe women/girls
<b>nice</b>	gentil sympa	gentille sympa
<b>mean</b>	méchant	méchante
<b>strict</b>	stricte, sévère	stricte, sévère

annoying	embêtant pénible	embêtante pénible
fun, funny	drôle amusant	drôle amusante
loving	affectueux	affectueuse
happy	heureux content	heureuse contente

4. Chanson: *Ma famille*: This song will help you learn some family vocabulary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFk9YmJv-jc>

5. Lecture: This reading will help you learn more family vocabulary : *Interprétation Ecrite Les Familles* (<https://www.readinga-z.com/books/leveled-books/book/?id=110>)

A. Find the French words for the following:

- |                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. your family _____                 | 12. their children _____         |
| 2. your father's father _____        | 13. more than once _____         |
| 3. your mother's father _____        | 14. a wife _____                 |
| 4. your father's mother _____        | 15. stepmother _____             |
| 5. your mother's mother _____        | 16. a husband _____              |
| 6. great grandparents _____          | 17. stepfather _____             |
| 7. married _____                     | 18. your nephews _____           |
| 8. if _____                          | 19. your nieces _____            |
| 9. older (2 words=more old)<br>_____ | 20. a previous marriage<br>_____ |
| 10. their aunt _____                 | 21. half-brothers _____          |
| 11. their uncle _____                | 22. half-sisters _____           |

B. Check each statement that is made in the book.

- \_\_\_ 1. You can have lots of different relatives.
- \_\_\_ 2. Usually you look like your relatives.
- \_\_\_ 3. Nieces and nephews are some of the relatives you might have.

- \_\_\_ 4. You have two grandfathers
- \_\_\_ 5. You have two grandmothers
- \_\_\_ 6. Some people's grandparents die before they know them
- \_\_\_ 7. Some people even get to know their great-grandparents.
- \_\_\_ 8. Great-grandparents are the parents of your grandparents.
- \_\_\_ 9. If your mother and father have brothers, they are your uncles.
- \_\_\_ 10. If your uncle is married, his wife is your aunt.
- \_\_\_ 11. If your mother and father have sisters, they are your aunts.
- \_\_\_ 12. If your aunt is married, her husband is your uncle.
- \_\_\_ 13. Your cousins have the same grandparents as you.
- \_\_\_ 14. If you have an older brother or sister who has children you are their aunt or uncle.
- \_\_\_ 15. Your brother or sister's children who are boys are your nephews.
- \_\_\_ 16. Your brother or sister's children who are girls are your nieces.
- \_\_\_ 17. If your father has a wife who isn't your mother, she's your stepmother.
- \_\_\_ 18. It is important to be respectful to your stepparents.
- \_\_\_ 19. Some people research the history of their family.
- \_\_\_ 20. You can show a family's history by using a family tree.

**C. Write the English word that corresponds to the underlined French word.**

1. Les parents de ta mère et de ton père sont tes grands-parents. (p. 4) \_\_\_\_\_
2. L'autre est le père de ta mère. (p. 4) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Une est la mère de ton père. (p. 5) \_\_\_\_\_
4. les grands-parents de certains meurent avant qu'ils ne les connaissent. (p. 6)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. La plupart des personnes n'ont pas la chance de connaître leurs arrière-grands-parents.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. tu es leur tante ou leur oncle (p. 10) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Beaucoup de gens recherchent l'histoire de leur famille. (p. 16)  
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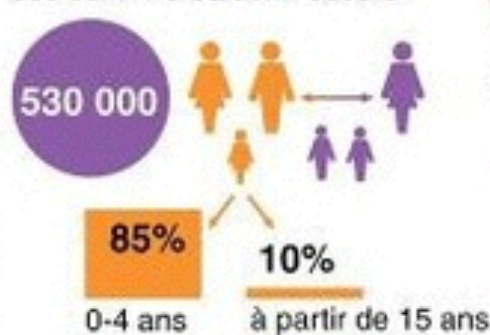
## Les enfants dans les familles recomposées

1,5 million d'enfants concernés en 2011

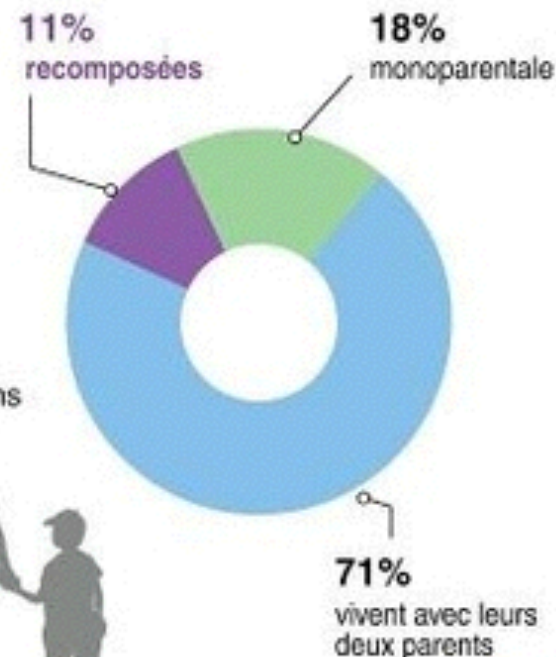
Avec un parent +  
un beau-parent



Avec leurs deux parents +  
des demi-frères/demi-soeurs



Type de familles



Part d'enfants en famille recomposée



Source : Insee

AFP

A. **Key Word Recognition.** Find the French words/phrases that best express the meanings of the following English words/phrases.

1. a step-parent \_\_\_\_\_
2. step/half-sisters \_\_\_\_\_
3. step/half-brothers \_\_\_\_\_
4. blended families \_\_\_\_\_
5. single parent (family) \_\_\_\_\_

B. What is the main idea of this infographic? Answer in English.

C. **Supporting Details.**

1. Check each detail that is mentioned in the article (not all are included).

2. Fill in the information that is given for each detail you have checked. Write in English.

\_\_\_ The number of French children that live in a blended family (one that contains a step-parent)

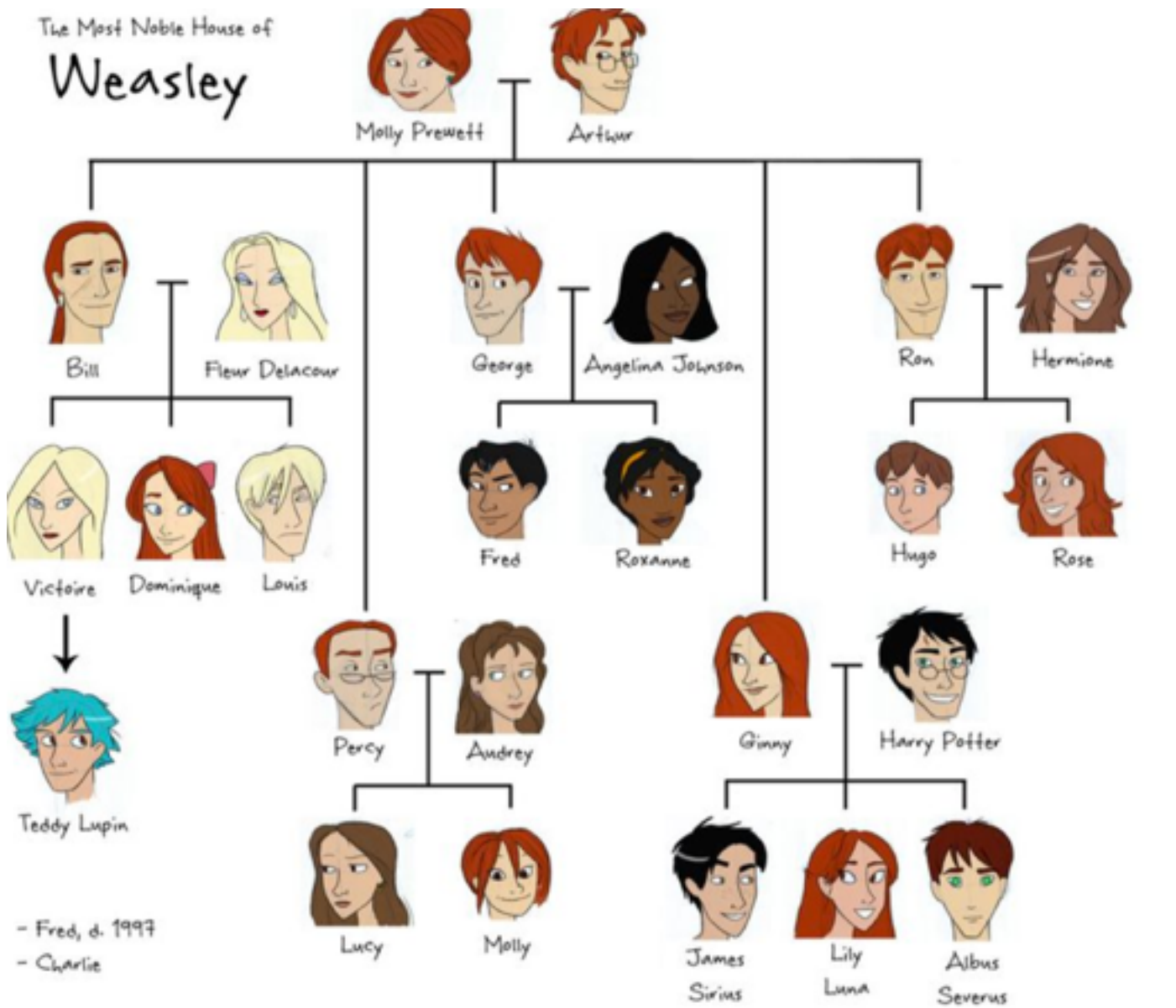
\_\_\_ The percentage of French children that live with parents who are unmarried \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ The number of French children that live with their mother and stepfather. \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ The number of French children that live with their parents and step/half siblings \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ The percentage of children that live with half/step siblings that are 4 or younger \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ The percentage of French children who live with their grandparents \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ The percentage of French children that live in single parent families \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ The percentage of French children that live with both of their parents \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ The percentage of 7-10 year olds that live in a blended family. \_\_\_\_\_

### Arbre généalogique: Communication Interpersonnelle

Create a draft of your personal family tree. Label it in French with the person's name, age (guess if you have to), and relationship to you. Here is an example, but family trees can be drawn in many different ways. You will eventually use this to talk about your family with your classmates.



**Grammaire :** Read the clue and write the correct French word. Make sure to put Mon, Ma, or Mes before the word.

Exemple: *C'est le frère de ta mère.* Réponse : Mon oncle

1. C'est le père de ton père. \_\_\_\_\_
2. C'est la mère de ta mère. \_\_\_\_\_
3. C'est la sœur de ta mère. \_\_\_\_\_
4. C'est le fils de ta tante. \_\_\_\_\_
5. C'est le frère de ta mère. \_\_\_\_\_
6. C'est la fille de ta grand-mère. \_\_\_\_\_ ou \_\_\_\_\_
7. C'est la fille de ta mère. \_\_\_\_\_ ou \_\_\_\_\_
8. C'est le fils de ta tante. \_\_\_\_\_
9. C'est la petite fille de ta grand-mère. \_\_\_\_\_ ou \_\_\_\_\_
10. C'est le mari de ta grand-mère. \_\_\_\_\_
11. C'est le mari de ta sœur. \_\_\_\_\_
12. C'est la femme de ton père. \_\_\_\_\_ ou \_\_\_\_\_
13. C'est la sœur de ton mari. \_\_\_\_\_
14. C'est le fils de ton père. \_\_\_\_\_ ou \_\_\_\_\_
15. C'est la femme de ton oncle. \_\_\_\_\_
16. C'est le fils de ta mère et ton beau-père. \_\_\_\_\_

**Writing: Présentation Ecrite/Orale**

Write the draft for the presentation you will give about your family. You will describe 3 people in your family. Make sure that at least one of them is of a different gender. You will also explain which family member you most resemble, either physically, personality and what your common likes and/or dislikes are.

include the following information about each (real or imaginary) family member you have chosen. You must write about yourself and at least three different family members.

- Name
- Age
- Relationship to you (and to your parents)
- Physical characteristics
- Personal characteristics
- Likes and dislikes

**Video: Interprétation (Orale)** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCRvE2f-srw>)

A. Watch this clip from a French movie that came out in 2008 and check each detail that Carl gives. Then add the information he gives for each detail you have checked. (He will not mention all of these.)

- \_\_\_ A sport he likes to play \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A sport he likes to watch \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Another type of game he likes to play \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A school subject he likes \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A group of people he likes \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A TV show he likes \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A sport he doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A type of music he doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A type of teacher he doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A school subject he doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A type of person he doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ A school he doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Guessing Meaning from Context.**

1. Carl says, (:12) « J'aime aller en vacances aux Antilles. What do you think *en vacances* means?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Carl says (:55), "Je n'aime pas la guerre en Iraq." What do you think *guerre* means? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Carl says (:51), "Je n'aime pas aller voir mon frère en prison." What do you think *mon frère* means ?

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**Video: Interprétation Orale/Communication Interpersonnelle.** Watch these videos to learn about what it means to be an *au pair*: We will discuss the families that each of these French *au pairs* are responsible for:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3REkrkAxy10>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Et60CuH\\_C7g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Et60CuH_C7g)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XYAHWZDjVI>

If you had to apply for an au pair position, how would you describe yourself:

**1. Ma personnalité : Je suis...**

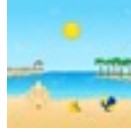
- \_\_\_ Dynamique
- \_\_\_ Sympa
- \_\_\_ Responsable
- \_\_\_ Autonome/ Indépendant(e)
- \_\_\_ Drôle
- \_\_\_ Patient(e)
- \_\_\_ Créatif/Créative
- \_\_\_ Organisé(e)
- \_\_\_ Souriant



**2. Je voudrais habiter/vivre...**

- \_\_\_ Dans une grande ville
- \_\_\_ Dans une ville moyenne
- \_\_\_ Dans un petit village





\_\_\_A la campagne    \_\_\_Près de la mer    \_\_\_Près de la montagne

### 3. Je préfère avoir ...



\_\_\_ Une piscine                      \_\_\_ une salle de bains privée                      \_\_\_ un jardin

### 4. Je suis prêt(e) à ...



\_\_\_Amener/déposer les enfants à l'école le matin  
soir                                      \_\_\_Récupérer/chercher les enfants à l'école le



\_\_\_Conduire une voiture                      \_\_\_ Faire des tâches ménagères                      \_\_\_Aider les enfants aux devoirs



\_\_\_Donner une douche/un bain aux enfants\_\_\_Préparer les repas/cuisiner

### 5. J'aime..



Je voudrais..  
Partager ma culture  
Voyager