



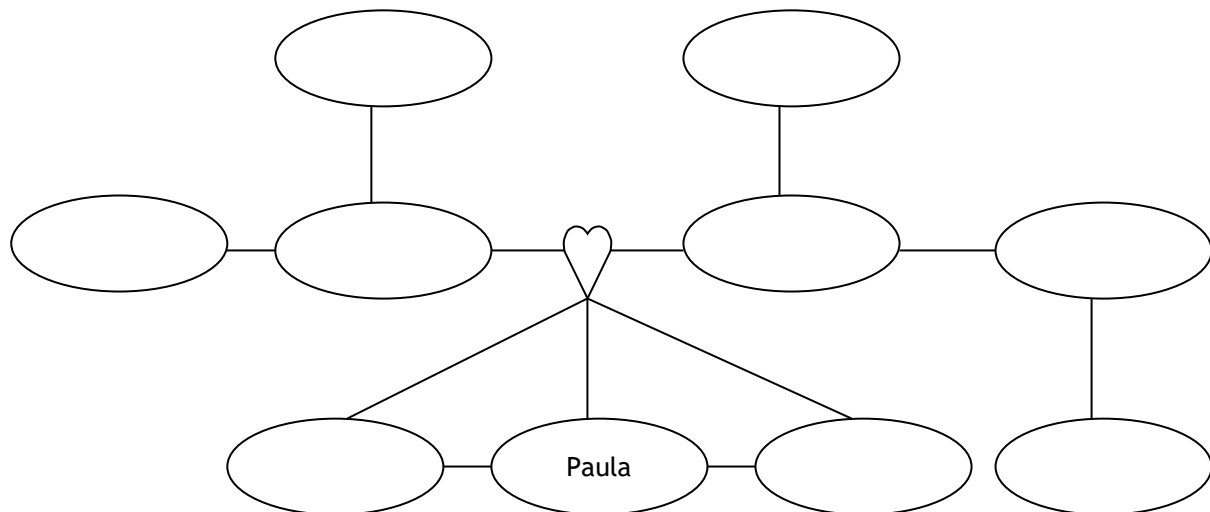
Speaking

A1

My family, your family

Paula is describing her family to a friend. Read her text and complete her family tree in the box below.

My name is Paula. I have got a big family. My family consists of ten people. My mum's name is Elisabeth and my dad's name is Miguel. I also have a brother called Fernando and a sister called Manuelita. My cousin Carlos and my uncle Bastia live with us. He is my dad's brother. My father's mum and my mother's dad live with us too. They are my grandma Filomena and grandpa Charles. I like my aunt Jenny very much because she is funny and she has got a beautiful dog. She is my mum's sister.



When we talk about family, we very often use the Saxon Genitive to express family relationships: “this is my dad's brother”, “my dad's father”, but also “my mum's name is Elisabeth”.

This is how it works:

possessor 's + thing/animal/person that we speak about

Other examples:

My uncle's house = *la casa di mio zio*

John's car = *la macchina di John*

Betty's dog = *il cane di Betty*

Frank's sister = *la sorella di Frank*



Exercises

1) Write a short text describing your family.

Then, draw your family tree. BE CAREFUL: the classmate sitting next to you must not see it!

2) In pairs: read the description of your family, and let the classmate sitting next to you draw your family tree on his sheet of paper. While he reads his family description to you, draw his family tree on your paper here below.

3) Compare your drawing of your family tree to your friend's drawing. Are they the same? If there are any mistakes, help your friend correct them.