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<sup>1</sup>fam·i·ly *noun* \ˈfam-ɪ-lē, ˈfa-mə-\

*plural* fam·i·lies

## Definition of FAMILY

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- 1 : a group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head : [HOUSEHOLD](#)
- 2 **a** : a group of persons of [common](#) ancestry : [CLAN](#)  
**b** : a people or group of peoples regarded as deriving from a common stock : [RACE](#)
- 3 **a** : a group of people united by certain convictions or a common [affiliation](#) : [FELLOWSHIP](#)  
**b** : the staff of a high official (as the President)
- 4 : a group of things related by common characteristics: as  
**a** : a closely related series of elements or chemical compounds  
**b** : a group of soils with similar chemical and physical properties (as texture, pH, and mineral content) that comprise a category ranking above the series and below the subgroup in soil [classification](#)  
**c** : a group of related languages descended from a single ancestral language
- 5 **a** : the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children; *also* : any of various social units differing from but regarded as equivalent to the traditional family <a single-parent *family*>  
**b** : spouse and children <want to spend more time with my *family*>
- 6 **a** : a group of [related](#) plants or animals forming a category ranking above a genus and below an order and usually comprising several to many genera  
**b** *in livestock breeding* (1) : the [descendants](#) or line of a particular individual especially of some outstanding female (2) : an identifiable strain within a breed
- 7 : a set of curves or surfaces whose equations differ only in parameters



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**8** : a unit of a crime syndicate (as the Mafia) operating within a geographical area

— **fam·i·ly·hood**  *noun*

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#### Examples of FAMILY

There were a lot of *families* at the circus.

The show is fun for the whole *family*.

a death in the *family*

There are several doctors on his mother's side of the *family*.

She wants to spend more time with her *family*.

After his father's death he became the *head of the family*.

She's a *friend of the family*.

He spent a quiet evening at home with *family*.

trying to find a balance between work and *family*

He's devoted to his wife and *family*.

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#### Origin of FAMILY

Middle English *familie*, from Latin *familia* household (including servants as well as kin of the householder), from *famulus* servant

First Known Use: 15th century

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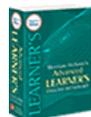
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