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# **Family**

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When do you use "la" and "le" in describing family and friends? It may be confusing at first but it really is as simple as ABC. "La" is used when the subject is female and "le" is used when the subject is male.

The hip hop American slang "boo" was actually coined from the French word "beau", which is an adjective placed in front of a male noun. "Belle" on the other hand helps express the female noun. Discover below on how to use this together with the usual French words relating to family, relatives and friends.

French Vocabulary	English Translation
La famille	Family
la fille	daughter
le fils	son
le cousin, la cousine	cousin
le demi-frère	half-brother
la demi-soeur	half-sister
la famille	family
la femme	wife
le frère	brother
le gendre	son-in-law
le jumeau, la jumelle	twin brother, sister
la maman	mom
le mari	husband
la mère	mother
le neveu	nephew
la nièce	niece
l'oncle (m.)	uncle
le papa	dad
les parents	parents
le père	father
la soeur	sister
la tante	aunt
la bru	daughter-in-law
le beau-fils	son-in-law, stepson
la belle-fille	daughter-in-law, stepdaughter
le beau-frère	brother-in-law, stepbrother
la belle-sœur	sister-in-law, stepsister
le beau-père	father-in-law, stepfather
la belle-mère	mother-in-law, stepmother
la famille proche	close family
la famille éloignée	relatives
l'ami(e) intime	close friend
les amoureux (m. pl.)	lovers (people in love)
l'amant(e)	lover
le/la camarade	buddy / friend,
le/la collègue	colleague
la connaissance	acquaintance

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