

# Wordsearch Russian Family Words

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Word Meanings In English

Russian Word	English Translation	Phonetic
Семья	Family	Syem-ya
Родители	Parents	Rodee-tely
Мать	Mother	Mat'
Отец	Father	Atyets
Дети	Children	Dye-tee
Дочь	Daughter	Doch'
Сын	Son	Syn
Брат	Brother	Brat
Сестра	Sister	Ses-tra
Бабушка	Grandmother	Ba-boosh-ka
Дедушка	Grandfather	Dye-doosh-ka
Внук	Grandson	Vnook
Внучка	Granddaughter	Vnoo-chka
Тётя	Aunt	Tyot-ya
Дядя	Uncle	Dya-dya

Family holds the highest importance in Russian culture. Russian families tend to be large and close-knit, extending beyond the nuclear family to include grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives



## History or interesting facts for each of the main family words in Russian:

### Семья (Family)

The word “семья” comes from the Proto-Slavic \*sěmьja, which originally meant “household” or “domestic group”.

### Мать (Mother)

This word has ancient Indo-European roots, related to the Latin “mater” and English “mother”.

### Отец (Father)

Derived from the Old East Slavic “отъць” (otīcī), it’s related to the Latin “atta” meaning “daddy”.

### Сын (Son)

This word has remained largely unchanged since Proto-Slavic times.

### Дочь (Daughter)

In Old Russian, it was “дъчи” (dŭčī), showing how the pronunciation has evolved over time.

### Брат (Brother)

Like many family terms, this word has ancient Indo-European origins.

### Сестра (Sister)

This term is closely related to the Latin “soror” and English “sister”.

### Бабушка (Grandmother)

Derived from “баба” (baba), which originally meant “old woman” or “grandmother”.

**Дедушка (Grandfather)**

The root “дед” (ded) is related to the English word “dad”.

**Тётя (Aunt)**

This is a diminutive form of the older word “тетка” (tetka).

**Дядя (Uncle)**

Originally meant “elder” in Old Slavic, showing the importance of age in family structures.

**Жена (Wife)**

In Old Russian, this word meant both “woman” and “wife”.

**Муж (Husband)**

Originally meant “man” or “warrior” in Old Russian, reflecting historical gender roles.

These words showcase the rich linguistic history of Russian family terms, with many having roots in ancient Indo-European languages and reflecting cultural values and social structures over time.