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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.