

How am I related to ...?

How to use your calculator

1. Using the [downloadable chart](#) imagine you meet someone and discover that you have the same great-grandparents. Firstly, visualise how that great-grandparent (the ancestor you both have in common) would describe you (as a great-grandchild in this example) and then find that term on the horizontal top line.

2. Next, move your finger down that column until you reach the person to whom you're related on the vertical column (the other great-grandchild). The point where the two boxes meet shows your relationship to the other person; second cousins in our example here.

Once you become used to these kinship terms, they'll soon become second nature and you might just find yourself in great demand at the next family gathering!

Second cousins & other family relationships

- Second cousins – share the same great-grandparents
- Third cousins – share the same great-great-grandparents
- Second cousin once removed – the child or parent of a second cousin
- Second cousin twice removed – second cousins with a two-generation difference
- ‘Removed’ always indicates that two people are not in the same generation as each other

Common Ancestor	child	grandchild	great-grandchild	2x great-grandchild	3x great-grandchild	4x great-grandchild	5x great-grandchild	6x great-grandchild
child	brother/ sister	nephew/ niece	grand-nephew/ niece	great-grand-nephew/ niece	2nd great-grand-nephew/ niece	3rd great-grand-nephew/ niece	4th great-grand-nephew/ niece	5th great-grand-nephew/ niece
grandchild	nephew/ niece	first cousin	first cousin once removed	first cousin twice removed	first cousin 3x removed	first cousin 4x removed	first cousin 5x removed	first cousin 6x removed
great-grandchild	grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin once removed	second cousin	second cousin once removed	second cousin twice removed	second cousin 3x removed	second cousin 4x removed	second cousin 5x removed
2x great-grandchild	great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin twice removed	second cousin once removed	third cousin	third cousin once removed	third cousin twice removed	third cousin 3x removed	third cousin 4x removed
3x great-grandchild	2nd great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin 3x removed	second cousin twice removed	third cousin once removed	fourth cousin	fourth cousin once removed	fourth cousin twice removed	fourth cousin 3x removed
4x great-grandchild	3rd great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin 4x removed	second cousin 3x removed	third cousin twice removed	fourth cousin once removed	fifth cousin	fifth cousin once removed	fifth cousin twice removed
5x great-grandchild	4th great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin 5x removed	second cousin 4x removed	third cousin 3x removed	fourth cousin twice removed	fifth cousin once removed	sixth cousin	sixth cousin once removed
6x great-grandchild	5th great-grand-nephew/ niece	first cousin 6x removed	second cousin 5x removed	third cousin 4x removed	fourth cousin 3x removed	fifth cousin twice removed	sixth cousin once removed	seventh cousin