

## Family


## Meine Familie!

German families are generally small—typically, parents will have one or two children. Parents might be married or unmarried, and same-sex couples are very common.

## Meine Mutter!

German nouns have gender! Some nouns are masculine, like **Vater** and **Bruder**, while others are feminine, like **Mutter** and **Schwester**.




 **eine** Mutter und **ein** Vater  
a mother and a father

Notice that **ein** changes form! Words like **ein** or **mein** have different endings depending on the gender of the noun they're paired with.


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 **mein** Bruder und **meine** Schwester  
my brother and my sister

## I think, therefore...

In English, we say **I am** but **you are**. In German, you do the same thing!

 Ich **bin** Karl.  
I am Karl.

 Du **bist** sehr groß.  
You are very tall.

 Meine Schwester **ist** klug.  
My sister is smart.

## Never vier!

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**Vogel**    Vogel, Vater (as in "father")

**ei**    mein, ein (as in "ice")

**schwach**    schwach, Tochter  
like clearing your throat