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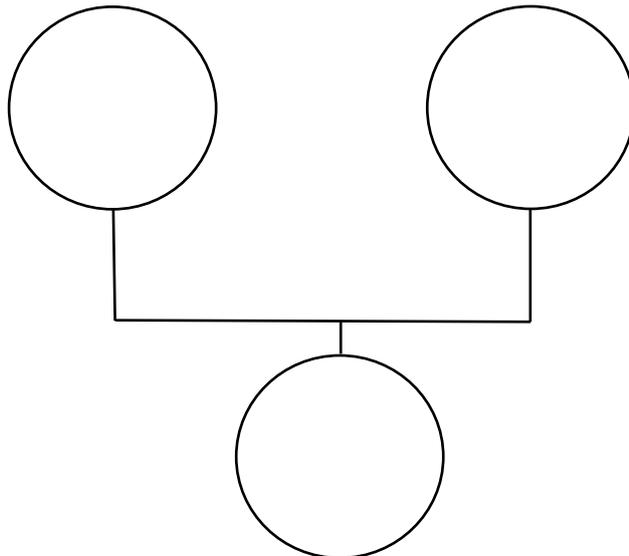
Family Trees

A family tree is a bit like a map. Except, instead of showing you where you are in the world, it shows you where you are in your family.

Families can be very big. See how many family members you can count now, including aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. Did you have more than five? More than ten? Maybe you have even more family members than that!

Now imagine how you might show that on a piece of paper. Well, that's where a family tree comes in. It's called a 'tree' because it has branches (or lines) that show how a family is connected to each other.

Here's an example:



Imagine these are your parents (you can draw inside the circles to make it look more like them).

They have 'branches' coming down leading to another circle. This circle is you.

Now try filling out your own family tree. We've given you a worksheet with labelled boxes to make it a little easier, but you might need to ask your parents about some of your older relatives (this is where family trees can get a little tricky).

We especially like to use family trees in history, because it makes it easier to see how Kings and Queens were related to each other.

Let me show you what I mean...

This is King Henry VII (7th) ...



... and his wife Elizabeth of York.

They were the parents of Henry VIII (8th) so their branches reach down to him.



But Henry had six wives (find out more about some of them on our [website](#)), so his tree gets a bit more complicated. See if you can follow it...



Even though he had six wives, Henry VIII only had three children.

Mary by his first wife, Elizabeth by his second wife and Edward by his third, which are these three circles down here at the bottom.

Can you imagine how hard it would be trying to understand Henry VIII's family without being able to see it like this? This is why family trees are important.

Now see who else's family tree you can create (suggestions; the current Queen, Simba from Disney's The Lion King movies and television series or Peppa Pig).