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day 7 my family

Chinese HSK 1 in 30 days
unit 2 · family & people

Say who is in your family and how many people it has.

Family is the first thing people ask about when you make friends in China.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
有	yǒu	to have; there is	有 sounds like "yo!": Yo, I have a little sister!
没有	méiyǒu	not have; there isn't	没 not; without + 有 to have
家	jiā	home; family	No pig, no home: 家 keeps a pig safe under its roof.
口	kǒu	mouth; (for household members)	口 is a picture of a wide-open mouth. Count the mouths at the family table!
家人	jiārén	family members	家 home; family + 人 person
爸爸	bàba	dad	爸 dad + 爸 dad
妈妈	māma	mum	妈 mum + 妈 mum
哥哥	gēge	older brother	哥 older brother + 哥 older brother
姐姐	jiějie	older sister	姐 older sister + 姐 older sister
弟弟	dìdi	younger brother	弟 younger brother + 弟 younger brother
妹妹	mèimei	younger sister	妹 younger sister + 妹 younger sister
的	de	's; of	的 is the Chinese 's: 我的 mine, 你的 yours, 小明的 Xiaoming's.
和	hé	and; with	Hé: hand in hand, "and" joins two friends.

pattern 有 to have, and 的 for 's

who | 有 | what

有 means "have" or "there is". Its "no" is always 没有, never 不有. Put 的 after an owner for 's (小明的家), but drop it for close family and home: 我妈妈, 我家.

我有一个姐姐。 **Wǒ yǒu yí gè jiějie.** I have an older sister.

小明没有弟弟。 **Xiǎomíng méiyǒu dìdi.** Xiaoming doesn't have a younger brother.

这是王老师的家。 **Zhè shì Wáng lǎoshī de jiā.** This is Teacher Wang's home.

这是我的家人。 **Zhè shì wǒ de jiārén.** This is my family.

dialogue welcome to xiaoming's home

xiaoming 安娜，这是我家！
Ānnà, zhè shì wǒ jiā! · Anna, this is my home!

anna 大白，你好！
Dàbái, nǐhǎo! · Hello again, Dabai! (Dabai runs up, tail wagging)

anna 小明，你家有几口人？
Xiǎomíng, nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén? · Xiaoming, how many people are in your family?

xiaoming 四口人：爸爸、妈妈、妹妹和我。
Sì kǒu rén: bàba, māma, mèimei hé wǒ. · Four: my dad, my mum, my younger sister and me.

anna 你有没有哥哥？
Nǐ yǒu méiyǒu gēge? · Do you have an older brother?

xiaoming 没有。我没有哥哥。
Méiyǒu. Wǒ méiyǒu gēge. · No. I don't have an older brother.

xiaoming 大白是我家的“弟弟”！
Dàbái shì wǒ jiā de dìdi! · Dabai is our family's "little brother"!

anna 大白也是你的家人！
Dàbái yě shì nǐ de jiārén! · So Dabai is family too!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

爸
bà
dad

的
de
's; of

哥
gē
older brother

和
hé
and; with

good to know · Chinese has no plain "brother" or "sister": it's always older (哥哥, 姐姐) or younger (弟弟, 妹妹). 和 joins nouns: 爸爸和妈妈, 你和我. It doesn't join sentences; two actions in a row just sit side by side.

Now you can talk about your family, the very first thing new friends in China will ask you about.
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