Korean Family Tree 가족 호칭

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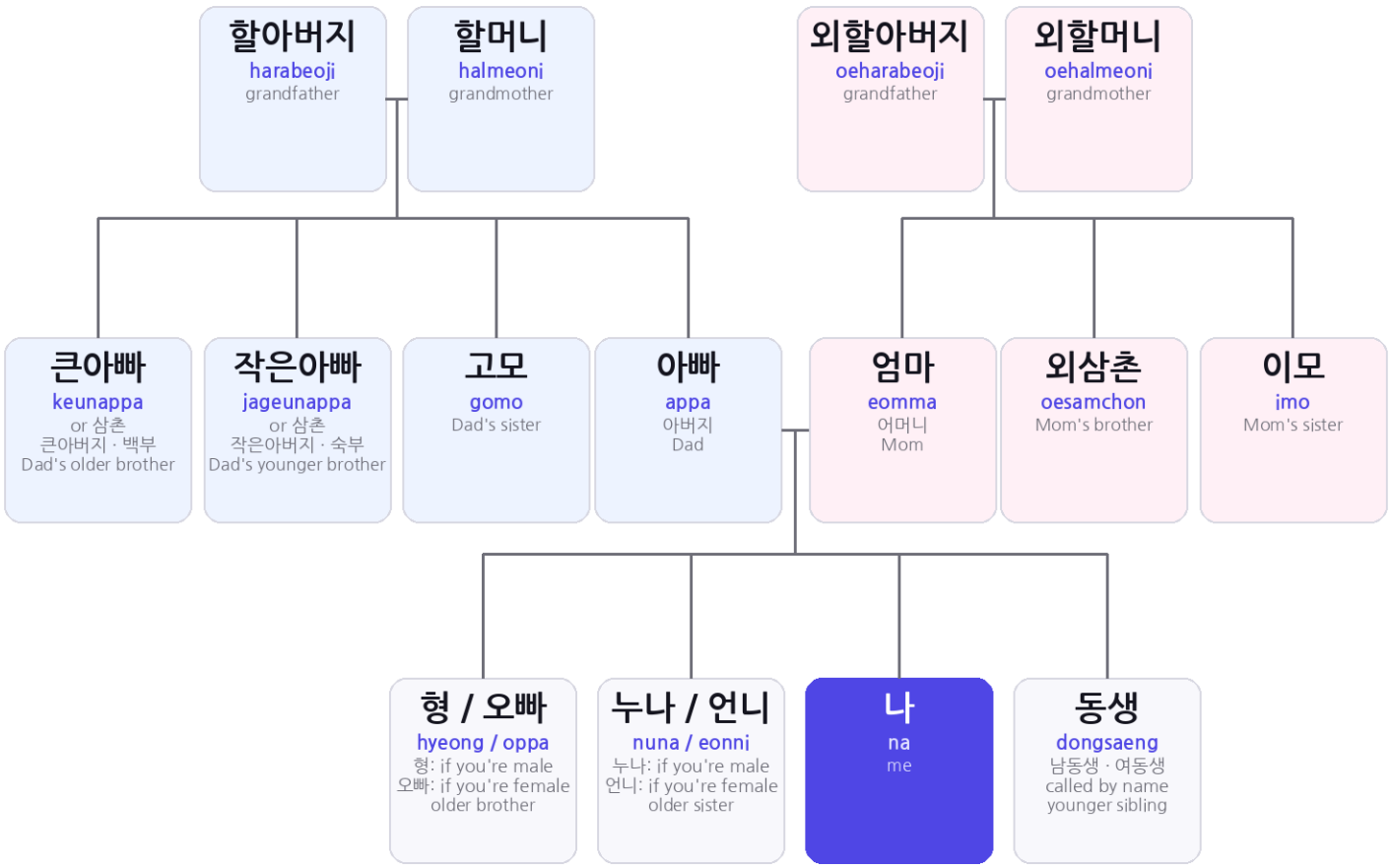
What to call your family in Korean — the word you actually say, formal term in small print. Tap any box to read more.



Cousins · 사촌 ↗

All cousins are just 사촌 — add 형·누나·오빠·언니·동생 by age and gender: 사촌형, 사촌누나, 사촌오빠, 사촌언니, 사촌동생.

More than one? · 첫째 · 둘째 · 막내 ↗

Rank them by birth order: 큰이모 (or 첫째 이모), 둘째 이모, 막내 이모 · 큰 삼촌, 막내 삼촌.

삼촌 or 큰아빠 / 작은아빠? ↗

삼촌 is fine for any of Dad's brothers, married or not — but once they marry, most families switch to 큰아빠 / 작은아빠.

By where they live ↗

Relatives are also named by place: 부산 이모 (the aunt in Busan) — or a district, neighborhood or landmark nearby.

No first names for elders ↗

These are titles for adults, so an aunt's or uncle's own name is almost never used — say 둘째 이모, not her name.

Coming next

Aunts' and uncles' spouses, in-laws and more distant relatives: see the Extended Family chart on diveinkr.com.

Blue = father's side (친가) · pink = mother's side (외가). Romanization: Revised Romanization of Korean.

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