

La familia

Family members in Spanish

la mamá

la ma-MA

mom

stress the last syllable

el papá

el pa-PA

dad

stress the last syllable

el hermano

el er-MA-no

brother

the h is silent

la hermana

la er-MA-na

sister

the h is silent

el abuelo

el a-BWE-lo

grandpa

kids often say el abu

la abuela

la a-BWE-la

grandma

kids often say la abu

el tío

el TEE-o

uncle

la tía

la TEE-a

aunt

el primo

el PREE-mo

cousin (boy)

la prima

la PREE-ma

cousin (girl)

el bebé

el be-BE

baby

la bebé for a baby girl

el hijo

el EE-ho

son

j is a breathy h

la hija

la EE-ha

daughter

j is a breathy h

la familia

la fa-MEE-lya

family

el padrino

el pa-DREE-no

godfather

la madrina

la ma-DREE-na

godmother

**ALSO GOOD
TO KNOW**

los abuelos

grandparents · the -os plural covers a mixed group

los hermanos

brothers and sisters · the -os plural covers a mixed group

Mamá and papá carry an accent: the stress lands on the last syllable (ma-MA, pa-PA).

The -os plural covers a mixed group: los abuelos means grandma and grandpa together, los hermanos means brothers and sisters.

Many kids call a grandparent abu. Ask ¿Tienes hermanos? to find out about brothers and sisters.

—¿Tienes hermanos? —¡Sí! Tengo una hermana.

Do you have brothers and sisters? Yes! I have a sister.