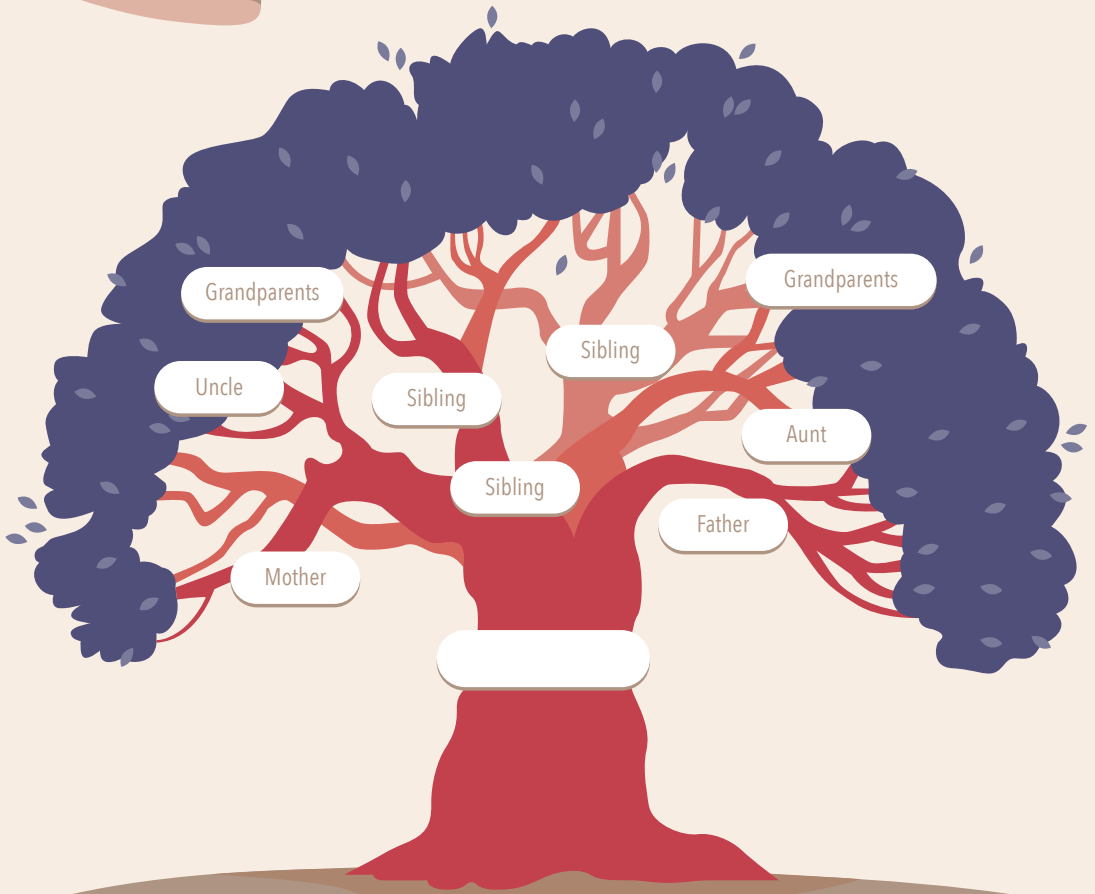


Roots + Branches

CANADIAN FAMILIES GROW AND CHANGE



When people talk about their relatives, they often talk about their family tree. The roots connect neatly to the trunk, which branches out to represent all the connections. But a lot of people's family story couldn't possibly fit onto just one tree. That story might include divorce, remarriage and a blended family. There might be a foster family where parents take a child into their home when the young person is having problems with parents. A family might have one or more kids who have been adopted into it. But the important word in all of those descriptions is FAMILY. And for many people, that family is more like a forest than a single tree. A forest shows all the different ways people can be related to each other.



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If you drew your family connections, what would they look like?
One tree with lots of branches? Two trees with intertwined roots? A whole forest of family?

