

# Chinese kinship terms - detailed table

## [Introduction](#) [Detailed Table](#) [Diagram](#)

- The Chinese family titles are divided up by generation. For example parents, aunts, and uncles are all grouped together under the "Parent's Generation" section.
- Spouses are grouped together. The spouse who is the blood relative is listed first, the spouse who is related by marriage is listed second. For example "aunt" and "aunt's husband."
- Many of the relationship titles have a formal version used for writings and an informal version used in everyday speech.
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  - Blue represents the most commonly spoken term used in Cantonese and Toisaanwa.
  - Red represents the most commonly spoken term used in Mandarin.
  - Purple means the term is used in Cantonese and Mandarin.

Since there are so many different relationship terms, the easiest way to find the exact relationship you're looking for is to open up the [family title diagram](#). Clicking a box on the diagram will automatically take you to the corresponding spot on this chart.

Great-great-grandparents Generation							
relationship	detail	formal	Cantonese	Mandarin	informal	Cantonese	Mandarin
paternal great-great-grandfather	father's father's father's father	高祖父	gou1 jou2 fu6	gao1 zu3 fu2	same		
paternal great-great-grandmother	father's father's father's mother	高祖母	gou1 jou2 mou5	gao1 zu3 mu3	same		
maternal great-great-grandfather	mother's father's father's father	高外公	gou1 ngoi6 gung1	gao1 wai4 gong1	same		
maternal great-great-grandmother	mother's father's father's mother	高外婆	gou1 ngoi6 po4	gao1 wai4 po2	same		
Great-grandparents Generation							
relationship	detail	formal	Cantonese	Mandarin	informal	Cantonese	Mandarin
paternal great-grandfather	father's father's father	曾祖父	jang1 jou2 fu6	zeng1 zu3 fu2	曾爺, 太爺, 太公, 老爺爺	jang1 ye4, taai6 ye4, taai6 gung1, lou5 ye4 ye4	zeng1 ye2, tai4 ye2, tai4 gong1, lao3 ye2 ye2
paternal great-grandmother	father's father's mother	曾祖母	jang1 jou2 mou5	zeng1 zu3 mu3	曾嬤, 太嬤, 老奶奶, 太婆	jang1 ma1, taai6 ma1, lou5 naai5 naai5, taai3 po4	zeng1 ma1, tai4 ma1, lao3 nai3 nai3, tai4 po2
maternal great-grandfather	mother's father's father	曾外公	jang1 ngoi6 gung1	zeng1 wai4 gong1	曾公, 太公	jang1 gung1, taai3 gung1	zeng1 gong1, tai4 gong1

maternal great-grandmother	mother's father's mother	曾外婆	jang1 ngoi6 po4	zeng1 zu3 po2	曾婆, 太婆	jang1 po4, taai3 po4	zeng1 po2, tai4 po2
<b>Grandparents Generation</b>							
relationship	detail	formal	Cantonese	Mandarin	informal	Cantonese	Mandarin
paternal grandfather	father's father	祖父	jou2 fu6	zu3 fu2	爺爺, 公公	ye4 ye4, gung1 gung1	ye2 ye2, gong1 gong1
paternal grandmother	father's mother	祖母	jou2 mou5	zu3 mu3	嬤嬤, 奶奶	ma1 ma1, naai5 naai5	ma1 ma1, nai3 nai3
maternal grandfather	mother's father	外祖父, 外父	ngoi6 jou2 fu6, ngoi6 fu6	wai4 zu3 fu4, wai4 fu4	父父, 外公, 老爺	fu6 fu6, ngoi6 gung1, lou5 ye4	fu4 fu4, wai4 gong1, lao3 ye2
maternal grandmother	mother's mother	外祖母, 外婆	ngoi6 jou2 mou5, ngoi6 po4	wai4 zu3 mu3, wai4 po2	婆婆, 姥姥, 外婆	po4 po4, lou5 lou5, ngoi6 po4	po2 po2, lao3 lao3, wai4 po2
paternal elder great uncle	father's father's older brother	伯祖父	baak3 jou2 fu6	bo2 zu3 fu2	伯公	baak3 gung1	bo2 gong1
paternal elder great uncle's wife	father's father's older brother's wife	伯祖母	baak3 jou2 mou5	bo2 zu3 mu3	伯婆	baak3 po4	bo2 po2
paternal younger great uncle	father's father's younger brother	叔祖父	suk1 jou2 fu6	shu1 zu3 fu2	叔公	suk1 gung1	shu1 gong1
paternal younger great uncle's wife	father's father's younger brother's wife	叔祖母	suk1 jou2 mou5	shu1 zu3 mu3	叔婆	suk1 po4	shu1 po2
paternal great aunt	father's father's sister	祖姑母	jou2 gu1 mou5	zu3 gu1 mu3	姑奶奶, 姑婆	gu1 naai5 naai5, gu1 po4	gu1 nai3 nai3, gu1 po2
paternal great aunt's husband	father's father's sister's husband	姑爺, 祖姑丈	gu1 ye4, jou2 gu1 jeung6	gu1 ye2, zu3 gu1 zhang4	姑公	gu1 gung1	gu1 gong1
<b>Parents Generation</b>							
relationship	detail	formal	Cantonese	Mandarin	informal	Cantonese	Mandarin
father		父親	fu6 chan1	fu4 qin1	爸爸	ba1 ba1	ba4 ba4
paternal older uncle	father's older brother	伯父	baak3 fu6	bo2 fu4	伯, 大爺	baak3, daai6 ye4	bo2, da4 ye2
paternal older	father's older	伯母	baak3 mou5	bo2 mu3	伯娘,	baak3	bo2 niang2,

uncle's wife	brother's wife				大娘	neung4, daai6 neung4	da4 niang2
paternal younger uncle	father's younger brother	叔父	suk1 fu6	shu1 fu6	叔, 叔叔	suk1, suk1 suk1	shu1, shu1 shu1
paternal younger uncle's wife	father's younger brother's wife	嬸母	sam2 mou5	shen3 mu3	嬸, 嬸子	sam2, sam2 ji2	shen2, shen3 zi3
paternal aunt	father's sister	姑母	gul mou5	gul mu3	姑媽	gul ma1	gul ma1
paternal aunt's husband	father's sister's husband	姑夫, 姑丈	gul fu1, gul jeung6	gul fu1, gul zhang4			
paternal older aunt	father's older sister	姑媽, 姑	gul ma1, gul	gul ma1, gul	same		
paternal older aunt's husband	father's older sister's husband	姑丈, 姑夫	gul jeung6, gul fu1	gul zhang4, gul fu1	same		
paternal younger aunt	father's younger sister	姑姐, 姑	gul je2, gul	gul jie3, gul	same		
paternal younger aunt's husband	father's younger sister's husband	姑丈, 姑夫	gul jeung6, gul fu1	gul zhang4, gul fu1	same		
mother		母親	mou5 chan1	mu3 qin1	媽媽	ma1 ma1	ma1 ma1
maternal uncle	mother's brother	舅父	kau5 fu6	jiu4 fu4	舅舅	kau5 kau5	jiu4 jiu4
maternal uncle's wife	mother's brother's wife	舅母	kau5 mou5	jiu4 mu3	妗子	kam5 ji2	jin4 zi3
maternal elder aunt	mother's elder sister	姨母	yi4 mou5	yi2 mu3	姨媽	yi4 ma1	yi2 ma1
maternal elder aunt's husband	mother's elder sister's husband;	姨夫	yi4 fu1	yi2 fu1	姨丈	yi4 jeung6	yi2 zhang4
maternal younger aunt	mother's younger sister	姨	yi4	yi2	same		
maternal younger aunt's husband	mother's younger sister's husband;	姨丈	yi4 jeung6	yi2 zhang4	same		
<b>Your Generation</b>							
<b>relationship</b>	<b>detail</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>Cantonese</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>Cantonese</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>
Siblings		同胞兄 妹	tung4 baau1 hing1 mui6	tong2 bao1 xiong1 mei4			

older brother		長兄	jeung2 hing1	zhang3 xiong1	哥哥	go1 go1	ge1 ge1
elder brother's wife		嫂	sou2	sou3	嫂子	sou2 ji2	sou3 zi3
younger brother		幼弟	yau3 dai6	you4 di4	弟弟	dai6 dai6	di4 di4
younger brother's wife		弟婦	dai6 fu5	di4 fu4	弟妹	dai6 mui6	di4 mei4
brother's wife					妯娌	juk6 lei5	zhou2 li3
elder sister		長姊	jeung2 ji2	zhang3 zi3	家姐, 姐姐	ga1 je2, je2 je2	jia1 jie3, jie3 jie3
elder sister's husband		姊夫	ji2 fu1	zi3 fu1	姐夫	je2 fu1	jia1 fu1
younger sister		幼妹	yau3 mui6	you4 mei4	妹妹	mui6 mui6	mei4 mei4
younger sister's husband		妹夫	mui6 fu1	mei4 fu1			
paternal male cousin	father's brother's son	堂兄弟	tong4 hing1 dai6	tang2 xiong1 di4			
paternal elder male cousin	father's brother's son who is older than you	堂兄	tong4 hing1	tang2 xiong1	哥哥	go1 go1	ge1 ge1
paternal elder male cousin's wife	father's brother's son's wife	堂嫂	tong4 sou2	tang2 sou3	嫂子, 嫂	sou2 ji2, sou2	sou3 zi3, sou3
paternal younger male cousin	father's brother's son who is younger than you	堂弟	tong4 dai6	tang2 di4	弟弟	dai6 dai6	di4 di4
paternal younger male cousin's wife	father's brother's son's wife	堂弟婦	tong4 dai6 fu5	tang2 di4 fu4	弟婦	dai6 fu5	di4 fu4
paternal female cousin	father's brother's daughters	堂姊妹	tong4 ji2 mui6	tang2 zi3 mei4			
paternal elder female cousin	father's brother's daughter who older is than you	堂家姐	tong4 ga1 je2	tang2 jia1 jie3	家姐, 姐姐	ga1 je2, je2 je2	jia1 jie3, jie3 jie3
paternal elder female cousin's husband	father's brother's daughter's husband	堂姐夫	tong4 je2 fu1	tang2 jia1 fu1	姐夫	je2 fu1	jia1 fu1

paternal younger female cousin	father's brother's daughter who is younger than you	堂妹	tong4 mui6	tang2 mei4	妹妹	mui6 mui6	mei4 mei4
paternal younger female cousin's husband	father's brother's daughter's husband	堂妹夫	tong4 mui6 fu1	tang2 mei4 fu1	妹夫	mui6 fu1	mei4 fu1
paternal male cousin OR	father's sisters's son	表兄弟	biu2 hing1 dai6	biao3 xiong1 di4	same		
maternal male cousin	mother's siblings' son						
paternal elder male cousin OR	father's sister's son who is older than you	表哥	biu2 go1	biao3 ge1	same		
maternal elder male cousin	mother's siblings' son who is older than you						
paternal elder male cousin's wife OR	father's sister's son's wife	表嫂	biu2 sou2	biao3 sao3	same		
maternal elder male cousin's wife	mother's siblings' son's wife						
paternal younger male cousin OR	father's sister's son who is younger than you	表弟	biu2 dai6	biao3 di4	same		
maternal younger male cousin	mother's siblings' son who is younger than you						
paternal younger male cousin's wife OR	father's sister's son's wife	表夫	biu2 fu5	biao3 fu4	same		
maternal younger male cousin's wife or	mother's siblings' son's wife						
paternal female cousin OR	father's sister's daughters	表姊妹	biu2 ji2 mui6	biao3 zi3 mei4	same		
maternal female cousin	mother's siblings' daughters						
paternal elder female cousin OR	father's sister's daughter who is older than you	表姐	biu2 je2	biao3 jie3	same		
maternal elder	mother's siblings'						

female cousin	daughter who is older than you						
paternal elder female cousin's husband OR	father's sister's daughter's husband	表姐夫	biu2 je2 fu1	biao3 jie3 fu1	same		
maternal elder female cousin's husband	mother's siblings' daughter's husband						

paternal younger female cousin OR	father's sister's daughter who is younger than you	表妹	biu2 mui6	biao3 mei4	same		
maternal younger female cousin	mother's siblings' daughter who is younger than you						
paternal younger female cousin's husband OR	father's sister's daughter's husband	表妹夫	biu2 mui6 fu1	biao3 mei4 fu1	same		
maternal younger female cousin's husband	mother's siblings' daughter's husband						

### Children Generation

relationship	detail	formal	Cantonese	Mandarin	informal	Cantonese	Mandarin
son		兒(儿子)	yi4	er2	仔	jai2	zai3
son's wife		媳婦	sik1 fu5	xi2 fu4	新抱	san1 pou5	xin1 bao4
daughter		女兒(儿)	neui5 yi4	nu3 er2	女	neui5	nu3
daughter's husband		女婿	neui5 sai3	nu3 xu4	same		
nephew	brother's son	姪子	jat6 ji2	zhi2 zi3	姪仔	jat6 jai2	zhi2 zai3
nephew's wife	brother's son's wife	姪媳婦	jat6 sik1 fu5	zhi2 xi2 fu4	same		
niece	brother's daughter	姪女	jat6 neui5	zhi2 nu3	same		
niece's husband	brother's daughter's husband	姪女婿	jat6 neui5 sai3	zhi2 nu3 xu4	same		
nephew	sister's son (speaker is male)	外甥	ngoi6 sang1	wai4 sheng1	外甥仔	ngoi6 sang1 jai2	wai4 sheng1 zai3

nephew's wife	sister's son's wife	外甥媳婦	ngoi6 sang1 sik1 fu5	wai4 sheng1 xi2 fu4	same		
niece	sister's daughter (speaker is male)	外甥女	ngoi6 sang1 neu15	wai4 sheng1 nu3	same		
niece's husband	sister's daughter's husband	外甥女婿	ngoi6 sang1 neu15 sai3	wai4 sheng1 nu3 xu4	same		
nephew	sister's son (speaker is female)	姨甥	yi4 sang1	yi2 sheng1	姨甥仔	yi4 sang1 jai2	yi2 sheng1 zai3
nephew's wife	sister's son's wife	姨甥媳婦	yi4 sang1 sik1 fu5	yi2 sheng1 xi2 fu4	same		
niece	sister's daughter (speaker is female)	姨甥女	yi4 sang1 neu15	yi2 sheng1 nu3	same		
niece's husband	sister's daughter's husband	姨甥女婿	yi4 sang1 neu15 sai3	yi2 sheng1 nu3 xu4	same		
<b>Grandchildren Generation</b>							
relationship	detail	formal	Cantonese	Mandarin	informal	Cantonese	Mandarin
grandson	son's son	孫子	syun1 ji2	sun1 zi3	內孫仔	noi6 syun1 jai2	nei4 sun1 zai3
grandson's wife	son's son's wife	孫媳婦	syun1 sik1 fu1	sun1 xi2 fu1	same		
granddaughter	son's daughter	孫女	syun1 neu15	sun1 nu3	內孫女	noi6 syun1 neu15	nei4 sun1 nu3
granddaughter's husband	son's daughter's husband	孫女婿	syun1 neu15 sai3	sun1 nu3 xu4	same		
grandson	daughter's son	外孫	ngoi6 syun1	wai4 sun1	外孫仔	ngoi6 syun1 jai2	wai4 sun1 zai3
granddaughter	daughter's daughter	外孫女	ngoi6 syun1 neu15	wai4 sun1 nu3	same		
grandnephew	brother's son's son	姪孫	jat6 syun1	zhi2 sun1	姪孫	jat6 syun1 jai2	zhi2 sun1 zai3
grandniece	brother's son's daughter	姪孫女	jat6 syun1 neu15	zhi2 sun1 nu3	same		

**Great-grandchildren Generation**

<b>relationship</b>	<b>detail</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>Cantonese</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>Cantonese</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>
great-grandchildren	children's children's children	曾孫	jang1 syun1	zeng1 sun1	same		
great-grandson	children's children's son	曾內孫仔	jang1 noi6 syun1 jai2	zeng1 nei4 sun1 zai3	曾孫	jang1 syun1	zeng1 sun1
great-granddaughter	children's children's daughter	曾內孫女	jang1 noi6 syun1 nei5	zeng1 nei4 sun1 nu3	曾孫女	jang1 syun1 nei5	zeng1 nei4 sun1 nu3

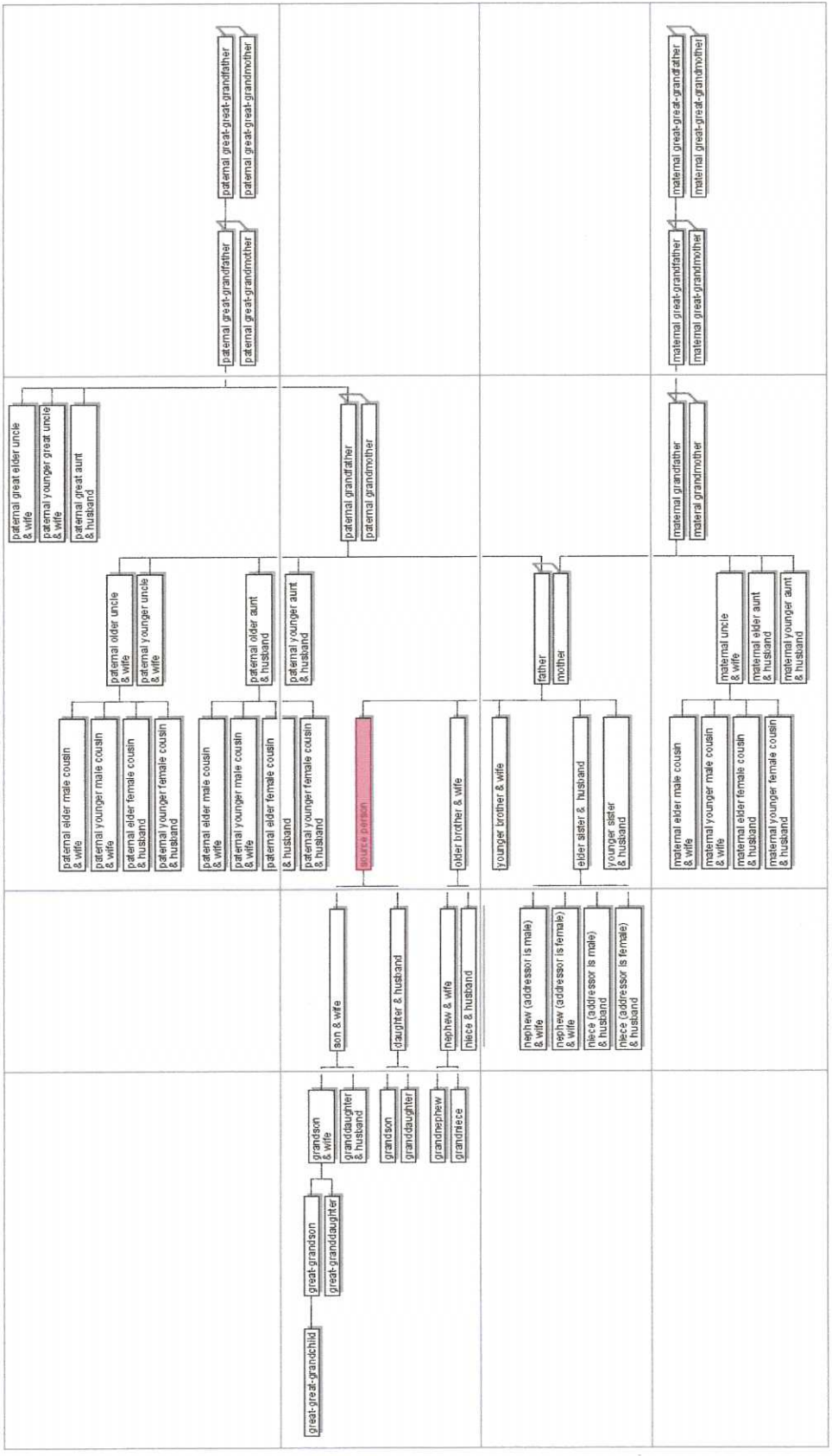
**Great-great-grandchildren Generation**

<b>relationship</b>	<b>detail</b>	<b>formal</b>	<b>Cantonese</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>informal</b>	<b>Cantonese</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>
Great-great-grandchildren	children's children's children's children's	玄孫	yun4 syun1	xuan2 sun1	same		



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Chinese kinship terms - diagram

Click any of the boxes, and it will you to the corresponding spot on the kinship term detailed table.  
The table has Cantonese and Mandarin pronunciations, and Chinese characters.  
The image is kinda huge, so you are gonna have to scroll a lot. Sorry.



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