

How to refer to your/somebody else's family members.

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You are supposed to be humble when you refer to your family members such as your mother or father when you talk about them with out-group people. Instead, you are expected to pay respect to those of out-group people. For example, you call your mother Haha/はは or your father Chichi/ちち, but you are expected to call somebody else's mother and father Okaasan and Ototoosan/おかあさん、おとうさん. Failing to do so implies that you are not socially matured yet.

Below are some of these family related terms.

	Yours	Somebody else's
uncle	おじ Oji	おじさん Oji san
aunt	おば Oba	おばさん Oba san
grandfather	おじ Oji	おじいさん Ojiisan
grandmother	おば Oba	おばあさん Obaa san
mother	はは Haha	おかあさん Okaa san
father	ちち Chichi	おとうさん Otoo san
Elder brother	あに Ani	おにいさん Onii san
Elder sister	あね Ane	おねえさん Onee san
Younger brother	おとうと Otooto	おとうとさん Otooto san
Younger sister	いもうと Imooto	いとうとさん Imooto san
son	むすこ Musuko	むすこさん Musuko san
daughter	むすめ Musume	むすめさん Musume san