

Talking about your family tree

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I: How much do you know about your family tree?

B: My family tree? Uh...I don't know **a whole lot** about my family tree, but I do know that my relatives came from Scotland about three generations ago.

I: Have you ever researched it?

B: I have researched it **a little bit**. I found out recently that my family was booked on the Titanic actually at one point. And then **due to the measles** they had to **bail** at the last minute and get a new boat.

I: How did you find that out?

B: My brother researched my family tree when he went to **Ellis Island** and discovered some interesting facts about our family.

I: Is there someone in your family that you would like to know more about?

B: I would love to know more about my ancestors, for sure.

I: Why?

B: Because it would be interesting.

Aurelia

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I: How much do you know about your family tree?

A: I know **a fair amount** about my family tree. I know that my father's **side** of the family is from Scotland and my mother reigns from Hungary and that's where most of our family from that side is from.

I: Have you ever researched it?

A: I've done a little bit of research into the Scottish side of my family. I know that I had a set of twins in my family from there that moved to Canada when they were just small boys.

I: Is there someone in your family that you would like to know more about?

A: I would like to know more about my great-grandfather. He was one of the twins that moved to Canada. His parents died of some sort of famine that I don't know much about, and I'd love to research that.

James

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I: How much do you know about your family tree?

J: I know a bit about my family tree. I know that my mom's side of the family comes from Italy originally-two generations back. And my dad's side of the family is from Ireland and Wales. My dad's actually from England, but his family's from Ireland and Wales.

I: Have you ever researched it?

J: I didn't research it personally. My mother and her sister have researched her family **pretty far back**. So, I know a bit from them. And on my dad's side of the family, I have immediate family from those places so that's how I know.

I: Is there someone in your family that you would like to know more about?

J: I'd like to know more about my great-grandfather, I think. He was a **jockey** in Ireland, and I think he had a pretty interesting life.

Tim

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I: How much do you know about your family tree?

T: I wouldn't say I know too much extensively about my family tree. I know I'm Polish and French Indian. But I only know up to my grandparents. I've never really **researched** into the history of my family or my family tree that much.

I: Is there someone in your family that you would like to know more about?

T: Um...probably my grandfather on my father's side. He died when I was pretty young. And I know he had a lot of hobbies that I'd be interested in, but I didn't really get a chance to spend a lot of time with him.

A whole lot ≠ a little bit

Due to= owing to/ because of

Ellis Island: an island in upper New York Bay that served as a former US immigration station from 1892 to 1954. Ellis Island also has documentation on the millions of immigrants who passed through the station.

A fair amount= a reasonable amount