

## Talking about your family tree

### Brent



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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