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| Definition: | Two or more people related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering who may or may not live together. |

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