



Grandma's Cruise

A. Adele's Blog Post

I have a new interest I want to blog about: Genealogy. I became interested in my ancestry when my grandma told me she was going on a genealogy cruise. The cruise, which left last Wednesday for Ireland, is full of people who are tracking their family roots. My grandma went on the cruise with her sister, my great aunt, who I've never met. I realized that I know nothing about my great aunt! In fact, I didn't even know my grandma had a sister. Isn't that awful? I started asking my dad questions about his aunt a few weeks ago. Claudia, who is a retired principal, is two years older than my grandma. I'm going to create my own family tree and show it to my grandma when she returns from her trip. It will be a fun birthday surprise for her. I'll make a copy to send to my great aunt as well. First, I need to find out more about her! To do that, I will need to get in contact with my great aunt's kids. My dad says she has two daughters and one son. Mia, who is the youngest daughter, lives in the United States. Tessa, the daughter who works as a judge, lives in Germany. Claudia's son is Albert, one of the richest men in Kronberg.

Grandma's Cruise cont.

B. Questions

1. What is Adele interested in these days?

2. Where did her grandmother go?

3. Who is with Adele's grandmother?

4. What realization did Adele have recently?

5. What job did Claudia have before she retired?

6. What is Adele going to do with the information she finds out?

7. How will Adele learn more about Great Aunt Claudia?

8. Which side of the family is Great Aunt Claudia from?

9. Who is Mia?

10. What does Adele say about Albert?



Aunt Claudia

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As I wrote in my last blog post, I'm studying my ancestors. I'm starting with my Great Aunt Claudia, a retired principal. Great Aunt Claudia, my grandma's sister, lives in France in a cottage overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. It was the first cottage built in the area, and it is over 130 years old. The man who she rents it from uses it for two months in the summer. During the summer, Claudia spends a few weeks with her daughter and grandchildren in the US. Mia, a professional painter, lives in Boston. Her two children, both girls, are in school. Claudia's other daughter and son live in Germany where they were born and raised. They don't have any children yet. Albert, the restaurant owner, is filthy rich. Aunt Claudia, whose friends call her "Dia," is 78 years old. Her husband, who died of heart failure a few years ago, was a firefighter. I look forward to meeting Aunt Claudia after the cruise. The sisters will spend a few days in Frankfurt together where I'll meet up with them for tea.

Aunt Claudia cont.

B. Questions

1. What is Adele studying this summer?

2. Where does Adele's great aunt live?

3. What is unique about Aunt Claudia's home?

4. Why does Aunt Claudia have to leave her home in the summertime?

5. Where does Aunt Claudia go when she leaves her home?

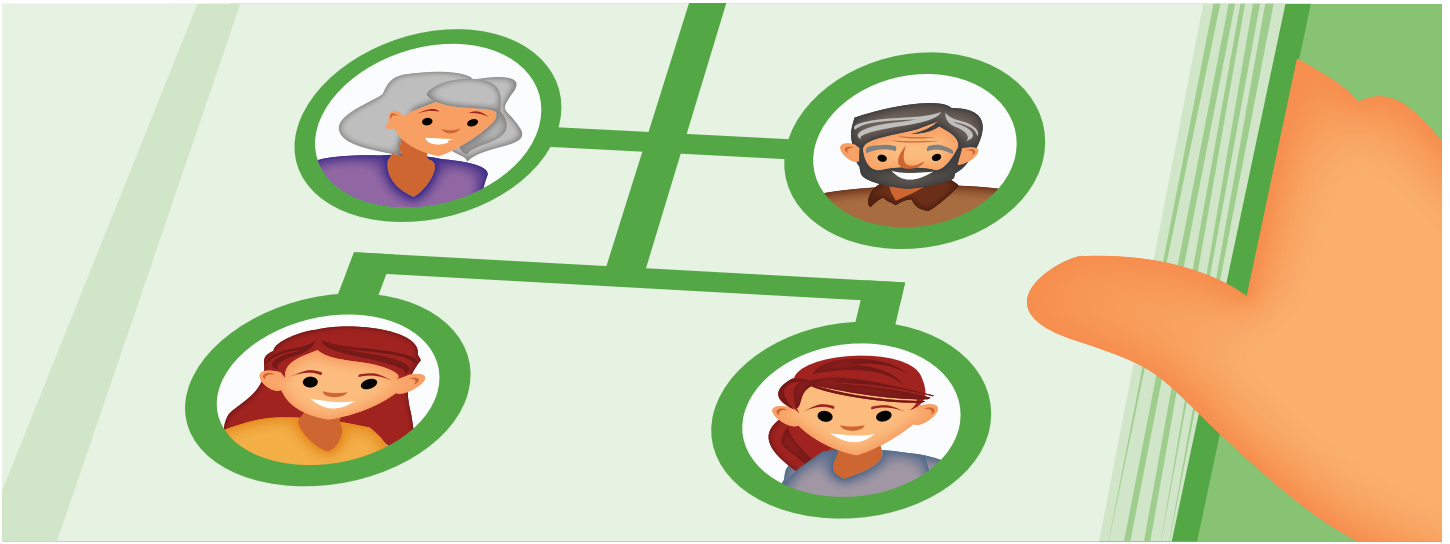
6. What does Mia do for a living?

7. What do Aunt Claudia's older children have in common?

8. What is Aunt Claudia's nickname and who uses it?

9. Who will appear as *deceased* on Adele's family tree?

10. Why does Adele mention tea?



Family Tree

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The people I owe a big thank you to this week are Aunt Claudia's kids. The phone conversations we had helped me fill out one side of my family tree. Next, I'm going to research my mother's side, which is a bit more complicated. My mother, adopted at the age of seven, knows nothing about her real parents. I'll add my mother's adopted parents and siblings to the family tree. My mother had two brothers who are both deceased now. Their names were Samuel and Charles. Charles, who ran a shoe company, used to visit us at Christmas. The brother closest to my mother was Samuel. Samuel, a dentist, always had a good joke to tell at the dinner table. His daughter, 32-year-old Molly, is a biology professor. I remember her as a dancer. As a child, I wanted to be just like Molly. She attended a dance school known for training professional dancers. The cousin I liked most growing up was Molly. Molly has agreed to meet me next week at a restaurant where we used to go for birthdays. I hope to be able to show her my completed family tree.

Family Tree cont.

B. Questions

1. Who does Adele thank and why?

2. Why is Adele's mother's side more complicated?

3. Who are Samuel and Charles?

4. What jobs did Samuel and Charles have?

5. What does Adele remember about Samuel?

6. Who is Molly?

7. What does Molly do for a living?

8. What childhood memory about Molly does Adele share in her blog?

9. Where will Adele meet Molly?

10. What goal does Adele have?

Grammar

A. Find the Clauses and Phrases

Spot and circle the adjective clauses and phrases.

1. I'm learning about my Great Aunt Claudia, a retired principal.
2. My mother had two brothers who are both deceased now.
3. It was the first cottage built in the area, and it is over 130 years old.
4. His daughter, 32-year-old Molly, is a biology professor.
5. My mother, adopted at the age of seven, knows nothing about her real parents.

B. Complete the Sentences

Complete the sentences with adjective clauses or phrases.

1. Adele is a blogger _____ .
2. Adele's mom, _____ , has two brothers.
3. Aunt Claudia's cottage, _____ , is very old.
4. Samuel, _____ , was Adele's funniest uncle.
5. Molly's dance school, known _____ , was in Germany.

Grammar cont.

C. Reduce the Clauses

Reduce the adjective clauses to adjective phrases.

1. Aunt Claudia, who is my great aunt, is my grandma's sister.

2. The cousin who I like best is Molly.

3. The cruise that was going to Ireland was a genealogy cruise.

4. My aunt Claudia has a cottage that overlooks the Mediterranean Sea.

5. The restaurant owner who lives in Germany is filthy rich.
