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yìjiārén 一家人	family	zhàngfu 丈夫	husband (formal)
wǒ jiā yǒu sìkǒurén 我家有四口人	My family has 4 members.	xiānsheng 先生	Mr. / husband
liǎng kǒuzi 两口子	husband & wife	lǎogōng 老公	husband
yéye 爷爷	paternal grandfather	háizi 孩子	child
nǎinai 奶奶	paternal grandmother	érzi 儿子	son
wàigōng 外公	maternal grandfather	nǚér 女儿	daughter
wàipó 外婆	maternal grandmother	sūnzi 孙子	grandson
bàba 爸爸	father	sūnnǚ 孙女	granddaughter
māma 妈妈	mother	duō dà / jǐsuì 多大 / 几岁	How old are you? (to a child)
gēge 哥哥	older brother	duōshǎo suì 多少岁	How old are you? (to any age)
jiějie 姐姐	older sister	nín guì gēng 您贵庚	How old are you? (polite)
dìdi 弟弟	younger brother	wǒ shì bīnzhōu dōngběi rén 我是宾州东北人	I am from northeastern Pennsylvania.
mèimei 妹妹	younger sister	jiàotáng 教堂	church
qīzi 妻子	wife (formal)	Modulation of yi (一)	
tàitai 太太	Mrs. / wife	yī	→ before a 1 st tone = yì → before a 2 nd tone = yī → before a 3 rd tone = yī or yì → before 4 th tone = yí
àirén 爱人	lover (only used for one's spouse)		
lǎopo 老婆	wife		