

Australia, after European settlement, may be limited, with documentation going back to about 7 generations. World events, such as war, economic crises and work opportunities might have bought some of your branches to Australia.

Cousin Terms and Definitions

First Cousin

Your first cousin is a child of your aunt or uncle. While you share one set of grandparents with your first cousin, you do not have the same parents.

Second Cousin

Your second cousin is the grandchild of your great-aunt or great-uncle. While you share one set of great-grandparents with your second cousin, you do not have the same grandparents.

Third Cousin

Your third cousin is the great-grandchild of your great-great-aunt or great-great-uncle. While you share one set of great-great-grandparents with your third cousin, you do not have the same great-grandparents. Fourth cousins have one set of great-great-great-grandparents, but not the same great-great-grandparents. And so on.

Fourth Cousin

Fourth cousins share one set of great-great-great-grandparents, but do not have the same great-great-grandparents. This continues on with fifth cousins and so forth.

Double Cousins

If two siblings in one family marry two siblings from another family and each couple has a child, the children are double first cousins. The word *double* means they share the same four grandparents. Regular first cousins share only one set of common grandparents, while double first cousins share both sets of grandparents plus all lineal and collateral relatives.

Removed That old mis-understood word!

The relationships of cousins of different generations are explained by using the word "removed". Cousins who are "once removed" have a one-generation difference. For example, the first cousin of your father is your first cousin, once removed or one-time removed. In that case, your father's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. Likewise, your first cousin's child is also a first cousin, once removed. This one-generation difference is explained by saying that you are cousins "once removed."

Twice removed or two-timed removed means that there is a two-generation difference between cousins. If you are two generations younger than the first cousin of your grandparent, then the relationship between you and your grandparent's first cousin are first cousins, twice removed.

Cousin relationships can be any combination of first, second, third and so on, with once removed, twice removed, and so on. A genealogy program will calculate exact