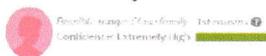


# What Ancestry DNA Match Indicator Levels Mean

CLOSE FAMILY ←



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**SELF / IDENTICAL TWIN.** This level will appear if you take the test twice or if you have an identical twin who has also taken the test.

**PARENT/CHILD.** Is a parent or a child. If a match is your parent, it will specify whether it's your mother or your father.

**IMMEDIATE – CLOSE FAMILY.** Is nearly always a full sibling. In rare instances, a half-sibling can appear in this category.

**CLOSE FAMILY – 1st COUSIN** Could be an aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, grandparent or grandchild, a half-sibling, or a double-first cousin. Someone who appears in this group is rarely a first cousin.

**1st COUSIN: possible range: 1st – 2nd cousins.** Can be, first cousins, great-grandparents and great-grandchildren, great-aunts and uncles and great-nieces and nephews, and half-aunts and uncles and half-nieces and nephews.

**2nd COUSIN: possible range 1st – 2nd cousins.** Likely to be first cousins once removed, half-first cousins (sharing one grandparent), second cousins, great-great grandparents and great-great-grandchildren, and great-great aunts and uncles and great-great-nieces and nephews.

**2nd COUSIN: possible range 2nd – 3rd cousins.** Likely to be second cousins, first cousins twice removed and half-first cousins once removed.

**3rd COUSIN: possible range 3rd – 4th cousins.** Likely to be second or third cousins, half-second cousins (having one shared great-grandparent), second cousins once removed, second cousins twice removed, first cousins twice removed, first cousins three times removed, and third cousins once removed.

**4th COUSIN and more distant.** 4th Cousin matches and further back are more than likely in the 200-year time span to the Most Recent Common Ancestor connection point. (Some of the closer 4th Cousin matches are inside 200 years).

Percentages of DNA shared between relatives at the 4th cousin level and beyond may signify any number of distant relationships.

At these levels, even if enough DNA is shared with our DNA match relatives, the genealogical relationships often cannot be determined with a high degree of accuracy.

🗨️ **“But please remember because we don't necessarily inherit DNA from ancestors in the precise percentages one might expect (25% from each grandparent, 12.5% from each great-grandparent, and so forth) determining exact relationships via DNA becomes less feasible the more distant the genealogical relationship is.”**

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