

familia Caecilii				
				
<i>Caecilius est pater.</i>	<i>Metella est mater.</i>	<i>Quintus est filius.</i>	<i>Lucia Maior est filia.</i>	<i>Lucia Minor quoque est filia.</i>

Task: Fill in the blanks using the words in italics at the bottom of the page.



Caecilius est paterfamilias.

The *paterfamilias* was the _____ of the family. The Roman *familia* was much wider than our 'family' and included the wife of the *paterfamilias*, his _____, his son's wives and their children, and all of their _____. When the *paterfamilias* died, the family might split up, with the sons becoming the heads of their own _____. In each family, the *paterfamilias* had absolute _____ over all the members of his household, including the right of life and _____.

The *paterfamilias* had the right to _____ newborn children (abandoning infants and exposing them to the elements), and even sometimes to execute wives or sons. The *paterfamilias* was responsible for providing the his children – the future _____ of Rome – with education, character training, and religious upbringing. Above all, the *paterfamilias* was respected and _____.

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