

The bond of blood is called consanguineous kinship and the bond between parents and children is consanguineous kinship. On the basis of nearness or distance, relatives can be classified into three categories as :

1. primary kin
2. secondary kin
- and 3. tertiary kin.

Thus, father is a primary kin and father's brother is a secondary kin and father's brother's brother-in-law is a tertiary kin to the ego.

6.2 Kinship Terms

Kinship terms are those terms which are used in designating kins of various types. In all societies, kinship is marked by a set of relationship terms.

Thus in Tamil, to denote a male parent the term appa: is used and to denote a female parent the term amma: is used. Morgan (quoted by Sachdeva and Vidhyabhusan, 1979) classified kinship terms into two systems as,