El nombre completo A person's full name *(nombre completo)* consists of a first name *(nombre)*, which often consists of two names, plus two surnames—the father's family name *(apellido paterno)*, followed by the mother's family name *(apellido materno)*.

For example, look at the *nombres completos* of María Teresa's parents:

Felipe Rivera López y
Guadalupe Treviño Ibarra

- What is Felipe's *apellido paterno*?
- What is Guadalupe's *apellido materno*?
- Can you explain how María Teresa's name is formed?

María Teresa will most often use her first name and her father's family name. If she marries, she may add *de* and her husband's last name to her own name: María Teresa Rivera de García.

- Use the Spanish system to write your *nombre completo*. What advantages or disadvantages do you see to having a name formed this way?