

Need another word that means the same as “mother”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “mother” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Mother” are: female parent, dam, originator, initiator, founder, founding mother, inventor, creator, maker, author, prime mover, instigator, architect, engineer, designer, deviser, planner, contriver, mastermind, beget, bring forth, engender, father, generate, get, sire, fuss, overprotect, bring up, care for, provide for, take care of, attend to, look after, rear, support, raise, foster, parent, tend, nurture, nurse, protect, cherish, give birth to, have, deliver, bear, produce

Mother as a Noun

Definitions of "Mother" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “mother” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A woman in relation to her child or children.*
- *(especially as a title or form of address) the head of a female religious community.*
- *(especially as a form of address) an elderly woman.*
- *A term of address for a mother superior.*
- *A condition that is the inspiration for an activity or situation.*
- *A stringy slimy substance consisting of yeast cells and bacteria; forms during fermentation and is added to cider or wine to produce vinegar.*
- *A woman who has given birth to a child (also used as a term of address to your mother).*

- A female animal in relation to its offspring.
- Denoting an institution or organization from which others of the same type derive.
- An important female figure in the origin and early history of something.
- A term of address for an elderly woman.



Synonyms of "Mother" as a noun (19 Words)

architect

A person who designs hardware, software, or networking applications and services of a specified type for a business or other organization.
*John was indisputably the **architect** of his own misfortune.*

author

The writings produced by a particular author.
*The **authors** of the peace plan.*

contriver

A person who makes plans.

creator

A person or thing that brings something into existence.
*Water the **creator** of climate and weather.*

dam	Female parent of an animal especially domestic livestock. <i>The dam was full of water.</i>
<u>designer</u>	A person who specializes in interior design. <i>A fashion designer.</i>
deviser	A gift of real property by will.
<u>engineer</u>	A person qualified in a branch of engineering especially as a professional. <i>The prime engineer of the approach.</i>
female parent	An animal that produces gametes (ova) that can be fertilized by male gametes (spermatozoa).
<u>founder</u>	A person who founds or establishes some institution. <i>An iron founder.</i>
founding mother	Food and lodging provided in addition to money.
initiator	A person or thing that initiates someone or something.
instigator	A person who initiates a course of action. <i>He was not the instigator of the incident.</i>
<u>inventor</u>	Someone who is the first to think of or make something.
maker	A person or thing that makes or produces something. <i>Makers of rubber products.</i>
mastermind	Someone who creates new things. <i>McAvoy was the mastermind of the robbery.</i>
originator	Someone who creates new things. <i>Wegener was the originator of the theory of continental drift.</i>
planner	A list or chart with information that is an aid to planning. <i>My day planner.</i>
prime mover	A number that has no factor but itself and 1.



Usage Examples of "Mother" as a noun

- *She will always be remembered as the mother of modern ecology.*
- *They are often referred to as the founding mothers of the Museum of Modern Art.*
- *Necessity is the mother of invention.*
- *She returned to Bristol to nurse her ageing mother.*
- *A mother of three.*
- *The mother of three children.*
- *A mother penguin.*
- *The initiatives were based on the experience of the mother company.*



Mother as a Verb

Definitions of "Mother" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "mother" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Give birth to.*
- *Bring up (a child) with care and affection.*
- *Make (offspring) by reproduction.*
- *Look after (someone) kindly and protectively, sometimes excessively so.*
- *Make children.*
- *Care for like a mother.*



Synonyms of "Mother" as a verb (30 Words)

- attend to** To accompany as a circumstance or follow as a result.
(of a tree or plant) produce (fruit or flowers).
- bear** *The bees form large colonies and need the thick branches of tall trees to **bear** the weight of their nests.*
- beget** Cause; bring about.
*Killings **beget** more killings.*
- bring forth** Go or come after and bring or take back.
- bring up** Take something or somebody with oneself somewhere.
- care for** Provide care for.
- cherish** Be fond of; be attached to.
*He needed a woman he could **cherish**.*
- deliver** Bring to a destination make a delivery.
*The company has **delivered** a body blow to this city.*

engender	Make (offspring) by reproduction. <i>The issue engendered continuing controversy.</i>
father	Treat with the protective care associated with a father. <i>A collection of Irish stories was fathered on him.</i>
foster	Bring up under fosterage of children. <i>The teacher s task is to foster learning.</i>
fuss	Worry unnecessarily or excessively. <i>Beside him Kegan was fussing with sheets of paper.</i>
generate	Make children. <i>The hydroelectric plant needs to generate more electricity.</i>
get	Take vengeance on or get even. <i>She didn t get the joke.</i>
give birth to	Cause to happen or be responsible for.
have	Have sex with archaic use. <i>Have a lover.</i>
look after	Be oriented in a certain direction, often with respect to another reference point; be opposite to.
nurse	Serve as a nurse care for sick or handicapped people. <i>He nursed his injured back by lying in bed several hours every afternoon.</i>
nurture	Cherish (a hope, belief, or ambition). <i>My father nurtured my love of art.</i>
overprotect	Protect excessively. <i>The experience led his parents to overprotect his sisters.</i>
parent	Be or act as a parent to a child. <i>We are losing our intuitive ability to parent.</i>
produce	Cause (a particular result or situation) to happen or exist. <i>The garden where the artist produced many of his flower paintings.</i>
protect	Restrict access to or use of (data or a memory location). <i>The first federal legislation protecting bison was enacted in 1894.</i>
provide for	Determine (what is to happen in certain contingencies), especially by including a proviso condition or stipulation.
raise	Raise in rank or condition. <i>In late April Henry decided to raise the siege.</i>
rear	Rise up. <i>The horse reared in terror.</i>
sire	Make (offspring) by reproduction. <i>Castor twice sired two champions in a litter.</i>

- support** Support materially or financially.
*The new versions do not **support** the graphical user interface standard.*
- take care of** Have sex with; archaic use.
- tend** Have a tendency or disposition to do or be something be inclined.
*She **tends** to the children.*



Usage Examples of "Mother" as a verb

- *She didn't know how to mother my brother and he was very sensitive.*
- *She's mothered two foals that have gone on to be impressive dressage competitors.*
- *He found a beautiful wife that mothered his children.*
- *She mothered her husband, insisting he should take cod liver oil in the winter.*



Associations of "Mother" (30 Words)

- antenatal** Before birth; during or relating to pregnancy.
***Antenatal** care.*
- aunt** The sister of your father or mother; the wife of your uncle.
*She was brought up by her **aunt** and uncle.*
- beget** Cause; bring about.
*They hoped that the King might **beget** an heir by his new queen.*
- brother** A title given to a monk and used as form of address.
*He recognized her from her strong resemblance to her **brother**.*
- caregiver** A family member or paid helper who regularly looks after a child or a sick, elderly, or disabled person.
- cousin** A child of one's uncle or aunt.
*Our American **cousins**.*

daddy	An informal term for a father; probably derived from baby talk. <i>It's you who's calling the shots now you're the daddy.</i>
daughter	A thing personified as a daughter in relation to its origin or source. <i>We are the sons and daughters of Adam.</i>
family	The children of a person or couple being discussed. <i>A family newspaper.</i>
father	A male parent also used as a term of address to your father. <i>They assumed that I was the father of the child.</i>
grandfather	The father of one's father or mother. <i>Smokers who worked here before the ban have been grandfathered.</i>
grandparent	A parent of one's father or mother; a grandmother or grandfather. <i>It must be a great blessing to have Chloe's grandparents living nearby.</i>
maternal	Relating to or characteristic of or befitting a parent. <i>A mother who radiated maternal concern.</i>
maternity	Motherhood. <i>Maternity clothes.</i>
mommy	One's mother (chiefly as a child's term).
nephew	A son of your brother or sister.
niece	A daughter of one's brother or sister, or of one's brother-in-law or sister-in-law.
offspring	Something that comes into existence as a result. <i>Industrialism prepared the way for acceptance of the French Revolution's various socialistic offspring.</i>
parent	Be or act as a parent to a child. <i>Stems will root down creating a new crown near the parent.</i>
parental	Relating to or characteristic of or befitting a parent. <i>Parental responsibility.</i>
paternal	Relating to or characteristic of or befitting a parent. <i>A paternal aunt.</i>
paternity	The kinship relation between an offspring and the father. <i>Tests were conducted to determine paternity.</i>
pregnancy	The condition or period of being pregnant. <i>A straightforward pregnancy.</i>
progeny	A descendant or the descendants of a person, animal, or plant; offspring. <i>Shorthorn cattle are highly effective in bestowing their characteristics on their progeny.</i>

scion A young shoot or twig of a plant, especially one cut for grafting or rooting.
*A **scion** of royal stock.*

sibling A person's brother or sister.

sister (Roman Catholic Church) a title given to a nun (and used as a form of address).

*I had nine brothers and **sisters**.*

sisterhood The feeling of kinship with and closeness to a group of women or all women.
*Canadian feminists acknowledge their **sisterhood** with women around the globe.*

sterility The quality or condition of being sterile.
*The **sterility** of debate in the party.*

uncle An unrelated older male friend, especially of a child.
*He visited his **uncle**.*

