

Need another word that means the same as “parent”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “parent” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Parent” are: mother, father, ancestor, forefather, forebear, source, origin, genesis, originator, root, fountain, cause, author, architect, bring up, nurture, raise, rear, be the parent of, look after, take care of**

## Parent as a Noun

### Definitions of "Parent" as a noun

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

- *A person's father or mother.*
- *An organism (plant or animal) from which younger ones are obtained.*
- *An animal or plant from which new ones are derived.*
- *A forefather or ancestor.*
- *An organization or company which owns or controls a number of subsidiaries.*
- *A source or origin of a smaller or less important part.*
- *A father or mother; one who begets or one who gives birth to or nurtures and raises a child; a relative who plays the role of guardian.*



## Synonyms of "Parent" as a noun (14 Words)

- ancestor** Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent).  
*Both species of elephant have a common **ancestor**.*
- architect** A person who is responsible for inventing or realizing a particular idea or project.  
*The **architects** of the reform programme.*
- author** The writings produced by a particular author.  
*He is the **author** of several books on the subject.*
- cause** A person or thing that gives rise to an action, phenomenon, or condition.  
*Class size is a **cause** for complaint in some schools.*
- father** A male parent also used as a term of address to your father.  
*Keep the faith of our **fathers**.*
- forebear** An ancestor.  
*Generations of his **forebears** had lived in London.*

- forefather** A member of the past generations of one's family or people; an ancestor.  
*The duchy which her **forefathers** had ruled since the tenth century.*
- fountain** An ornamental structure in a pool or lake from which one or more jets of water are pumped into the air.  
*The government always quote this report as the **fountain** of truth.*
- genesis** The first book of the Old Testament: tells of Creation; Adam and Eve; the Fall of Man; Cain and Abel; Noah and the flood; God's covenant with Abraham; Abraham and Isaac; Jacob and Esau; Joseph and his brothers.  
*This tale had its **genesis** in fireside stories.*
- mother** A woman who has given birth to a child also used as a term of address to your mother.  
*The initiatives were based on the experience of the **mother** company.*
- origin** A person's social background or ancestry.  
*Mineral **origin**.*
- originator** A person who creates or initiates something.  
*Wegener was the **originator** of the theory of continental drift.*
- root** Any plant grown for its root.  
***Root** growth.*
- source** Someone who originates or causes or initiates something.  
*Major **sources** and sinks exist for atmospheric oxygen.*



## Usage Examples of "Parent" as a noun

- *Policy considerations were determined largely by the parent company.*
- *Some of the whetstones have been transported up to 400 km from the parent rock.*
- *God's hand had written in the hearts of our first parents all the rules of good.*
- *Stems will root down, creating a new crown near the parent.*
- *The parents of the bride.*
- *His adoptive parents.*



## Parent as a Verb

### Definitions of "Parent" as a verb

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

- *Be or act as a parent to (a child).*
- *Bring up.*
- *Look after a child until it is an adult.*



## Synonyms of "Parent" as a verb (7 Words)

<b>be the parent of</b>	Occupy a certain position or area.
<b>bring up</b>	Cause to come into a particular state or condition.
<b>look after</b>	Perceive with attention; direct one's gaze towards.
<b><u>nurture</u></b>	Care for and protect (someone or something) while they are growing. <i><b>Nurture</b> his talents.</i>
<b>raise</b>	Raise in rank or condition. <i>A fence was being <b>raised</b> around the property.</i>
<b>rear</b>	Cause to rise up. <i>The horse <b>reared</b> in terror.</i>
<b>take care of</b>	Take into one's possession.



## Usage Examples of "Parent" as a verb

- *All children are special to those who parent them.*
- *We are losing our intuitive ability to parent.*



## Associations of "Parent" (30 Words)

- adoption** The action or fact of legally taking another's child and bringing it up as one's own, or the fact of being adopted.  
*The widespread **adoption** of agricultural technology.*
- aunt** An unrelated adult female friend, especially of a child.  
*She was brought up by her **aunt** and uncle.*
- beget** Make (offspring) by reproduction.  
*Killings **beget** more killings.*
- brother** A title given to a monk and used as form of address.  
*None of his **brothers** would betray him.*



<b>care</b>	Provide care for. <i>No medical <b>care</b> was required.</i>
<b>daddy</b>	The best or most successful person. <i>The <b>daddy</b> of all potholes.</i>
<u><b>daughter</b></u>	A thing personified as a daughter in relation to its origin or source. <i>We are the sons and <b>daughters</b> of Adam.</i>
<u><b>elder</b></u>	An official in the early Christian Church, or of various Protestant Churches and sects. <i>The <b>elder</b> of the two sons.</i>
<b>engender</b>	Cause or give rise to (a feeling, situation, or condition). <i>The issue <b>engendered</b> continuing controversy.</i>
<u><b>familial</b></u>	Occurring among members of a family usually by heredity. <i>The <b>familial</b> Christmas dinner.</i>
<b>family</b>	A group of one or more parents and their children living together as a unit. <i>I could not turn him away for he was <b>family</b>.</i>
<b>father</b>	Treat with the protective care associated with a father. <i>John <b>fathered</b> four daughters.</i>
<u><b>foster</b></u>	Bring up under fosterage of children. <i>A person who would <b>foster</b> Holly was found.</i>
<b>grandparent</b>	A parent of your father or mother. <i>It must be a great blessing to have Chloe s <b>grandparents</b> living nearby.</i>
<b>housework</b>	Regular work done in housekeeping, especially cleaning and tidying. <i>I was busy doing <b>housework</b> when the doorbell rang.</i>
<b>maternal</b>	Related on the mother's side. <i><b>Maternal</b> care.</i>
<b>mom</b>	One's mother. <i>My <b>mom</b> gave us each a slice of pizza.</i>
<b>mommy</b>	Informal terms for a mother.
<u><b>mother</b></u>	A term of address for a mother superior. <i>She didn t know how to <b>mother</b> my brother and he was very sensitive.</i>
<u><b>nurture</b></u>	The action or process of nurturing someone or something. <i><b>Nurture</b> his talents.</i>
<b>offspring</b>	The immediate descendants of a person. <i>She was the mother of many <b>offspring</b>.</i>
<u><b>progeny</b></u>	A descendant or the descendants of a person, animal, or plant; offspring. <i>Shorthorn cattle are highly effective in bestowing their characteristics on their <b>progeny</b>.</i>

<b>raising</b>	Helping someone grow up to be an accepted member of the community. <i>A cost <b>raising</b> increase in the basic wage rate.</i>
<b>rearing</b>	Rearing on left hind leg with forelegs elevated and head usually in profile.
<b>sibling</b>	Each of two or more children or offspring having one or both parents in common; a brother or sister.
<b>sister</b>	A title given to a nun (and used as a form of address). <i>The ward <b>sister</b> needs to be consulted.</i>
<b>sisterhood</b>	The feeling of kinship with and closeness to a group of women or all women. <i>Much of <b>sisterhood</b> is about sharing lipsticks.</i>
<b>tutelary</b>	Serving as a protector, guardian, or patron. <i><b>Tutelary</b> gods.</i>
<b>uncle</b>	The brother of your father or mother; the husband of your aunt. <i>He visited his <b>uncle</b>.</i>
<b>upbringing</b>	Properties acquired during a person's formative years. <i>He was a countryman by <b>upbringing</b>.</i>

