

1. ['fɑ:ðə] *n*

## 1. 1) отец

adoptive father - приёмный отец  
 natural father - отец внебрачного ребёнка

## 2) заступник, защитник, отец (родной)

to be a father to smb. - проявлять отеческую заботу о ком-л.

## 2. 1) создатель, творец

the Fathers (of the Constitution) - **амер. уст.** авторы /творцы/ конституции США  
 Father of the Constitution - «отец конституции» (прозвище президента Медисона)  
 Father of his Country - отец отечества (прозвище Дж. Вашингтона)

## 2) родоначальник, предок, прародитель

the Father of English printing - родоначальник книгопечатания в Англии

## 3) предшественник, предвестник, прототип

## 3. старейший член

city fathers - отцы города, члены городского управления, городские советники, олдермены  
 father of the chapel - **уст.** старшина типографских рабочих  
 Father of the House - а) **парл.** старейший член палаты общин; б) **амер.** «отец палаты», старейший член палаты представителей (по сроку пребывания в палате)  
 Father of the Senate - **амер.** «отец сената», старейший сенатор (по сроку непрерывного пребывания в сенате)  
 father of the bar - **юр.** старший барристер  
 Conscript Fathers - **уст.** отцы-сенаторы (обращение к римским сенаторам)

## 4. (Father) бог

God the Father - бог-отец  
 our Father - отче наш (молитва)

## 5. 1) духовный отец; священник; епископ

father confessor, ghostly father - **арх.** духовник, исповедник  
 the Holy Father - его святейшество (титул римского папы)  
 Most Reverend Father in God - его высокопреосвященство (титул архиепископа)  
 Right Reverend Father in God - его преосвященство (титул епископа)

## 2) отец (обращение к католическому священнику)

Father Brown - отец Браун  
 ◇ father Abraham - отец Авраам (прозвище Авраама Линкольна)  
 the Father of Waters - а) Нил, отец вод; б) **амер.** ≅ матушка Миссисипи (**тж.** the Great Father)  
 father Knickerbocker - **амер.** папаша Никербокер (**шутл.** прозвище города Нью-Йорка)  
 Father Time - ≅ седое время  
 the Father of lies - лукавый, сатана  
 the Father of Lights - создатель, бог  
 to be gathered to one's fathers - отправиться к праотцам, скончаться  
 to lie /to sleep/ with one's fathers - быть похороненным (в родном краю)  
 Fathers of the Church - а) отцы церкви; б) первоотцы (христианские писатели I-V вв.; **тж.** early Fathers)  
 writings of the early Fathers - патристика, первоотеческие книги  
 the wish is father to the thought - ≅ мы склонны принимать желаемое за действительное; верят потому, что хотят верить  
 like father, like son - **посл.** каков отец, таков и сын; ≅ яблоко от яблони недалеко падает  
 many a good father hath but a bad son - **посл.** ≅ в семье не без урода  
 a miserly father makes a prodigal son - **посл.** ≅ у отца-скряги сын - мот  
 father and mother (of) - **сл.** потрясающий, невиданный  
 father and mother of a row [of a thrashing] - скандал, каких свет не видывал [избиение до полусмерти]

2. ['fɑ:ðə] *v*

## 1. порождать, производить

cowardice fathers cowardice - одна трусость порождает другую

## 2. быть, считаться отцом, автором, создателем, творцом

## 3. (оп, урон)

## 1) устанавливать, приписывать отцовство (кому-л.)

## 2) приписывать авторство

to father an invention [a plan] on smb. - приписывать кому-л. изобретение [разработку плана]

4. (оп, урон) **сл.** сваливать на (кого-л. вину и т. п.); «пришить» (кому-л. дело)

to father the responsibility on /upon/ smb. - сваливать ответственность на кого-л.

## 5. отечески заботиться

he would father small boys who first come to school - он всегда отечески заботился о малышах, только что пришедших в школу  
 ◇ to father a thing upon smth. - проследить что-л. до истоков /до источника/

## father

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**father** [father fathers fathered fathering] **noun, verb** BrE ['fɑːðə(ɹ)]<sup>m</sup> NAmE

['fɑːðə]

**noun**

**1.** a male parent of a child or an animal; a person who is acting as the father to a child

- Ben's a wonderful father.
- You've been **like a father** to me.

- Our new boss is a **father of three** (= he has three children) .
- He was a wonderful father to both his natural and adopted children.
- (old-fashioned) Father, I cannot lie to you.

**see also** ↑godfather, ↑grandfather, ↑stepfather

**2. fathers plural (literary)** a person's ↑ancestors (= people who are related to you who lived in the past)

- the land of our fathers

**see also** ↑forefathers

**3. ~ (of sth)** the first man to introduce a new way of thinking about sth or of doing sth

- Henry Moore is considered to be the father of modern British sculpture.

**see also** ↑founding father

**4. Father** used by Christians to refer to God

- Father, forgive us.
- God the Father

**5. Father** (abbr. **Fr**) the title of a priest, especially in the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church

- Father Dominic

**see also** ↑Holy Father

**more at** old enough to be sb's father/mother **at** ↑old, the wish is father to the thought **at** ↑wish <sub>n</sub>.

Word Origin:

Old English fæder, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch vader and German Vater, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin pater and Greek patēr.

Thesaurus:

**father** noun C

- Gary's a wonderful father.

**parent** • • **stepfather** • • **guardian** • |informal, especially spoken **dad** • • **daddy** • |especially AmE, informal **folks** •

**a good/bad/caring/loving father/parent/dad**

**take after/inherit sth from** your father/parents/dad/daddy

**become** a/sb's father/parent/stepfather/guardian/dad

**Father or dad?** | In spoken English **dad** is much more frequent. | It can sound formal to say **my father**.

Example Bank:

- Boland, a father of two, was arrested on charges of theft.
- Elena's brother was a surrogate father to her kids after her husband died.
- He followed in his father's footsteps and became a motor mechanic.
- He followed the footsteps of his famous father into the film industry.
- He had a domineering mother and a cold, distant father.
- He has an ailing father and two younger brothers to support.
- He has just become the proud father of a baby girl.
- He is very good with children and would make a devoted father.
- He paced like an expectant father.
- He succeeded his father as Professor of Botany.
- He was a wonderful father to her.
- He was both a bad husband and a bad father.
- I always thought of you as a second father.
- I buried my father, and mourned his death.
- I lost my father when I was nine.
- Jesse is now married and father to a young son.
- Meet your new father.
- Ryan has gone looking for his long-lost father.
- She followed her father into the legal profession.
- She inherited the urge to travel from her father.
- She kept the books that had belonged to her beloved father.
- Some of his students regard him as a father figure.
- The land passes on from father to son.
- The new father took his son into his arms.
- The two boys were like their mother in character, but Louise took after her father.
- Their musician father encouraged their love of music.
- Try your best to honor your father.
- a married father of two
- the grieving father of two children lost at sea
- Ben's a wonderful father.
- Our new boss is a father of three.
- You've been like a father to me.

| idioms ↑from father to son ▪ ↑like father, like son

**verb**

**1. ~ sb** to become the father of a child by making a woman pregnant

- He claims to have fathered over 20 children.

2. ~ sth to create new ideas or a new way of doing sth

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	father
	BrE / 'fɑːðə(r) /
	NAmE / 'fɑːðər /
he / she / it	fathers
	BrE / 'fɑːðəz /
	NAmE / 'fɑːðərz /
past simple, past participle	fathered
	BrE / 'fɑːðəd /
	NAmE / 'fɑːðərd /
-ing form	fathering
	BrE / 'fɑːðərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'fɑːðərɪŋ /

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I. **fa**ther<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /'fɑːðə -ər/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *fæder*]

1. **PARENT** a male parent:

- Ask your father to help you.
- Andrew was very excited about becoming a father.
- He's been like a father to me.

a **father of two/three/four etc** (=a man with two, three etc children)

- The driver, a father of four, escaped uninjured.
- Steve recently became the proud father of a 7lb 12oz baby girl.

2. **PRIEST** **Father** a priest, especially in the Roman Catholic Church:

- I have sinned, Father.
- Father Devlin ⇒ ↑**Holy Father**

3. **fathers** [plural] people related to you who lived a long time ago **SYN** **ancestors**:

- Our fathers were exiles from their native land. ⇒ ↑**forefather**

4. **GOD** **Father** a way of talking to or talking about God, used in the Christian religion:

- our **Heavenly Father**

5. **the father of something** the man who was responsible for starting something:

- Freud is the father of psychoanalysis.

6. **from father to son** if property or skill passes from father to son, children receive it or learn it from their parents:

- This is a district where old crafts are handed down from father to son.

7. **like father like son** used to say that a boy behaves like his father, especially when this behaviour is bad

8. **a bit of how's your father** **British English informal** the act of having sex – used humorously

⇒ ↑**city fathers**, ↑**founding father**

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**THESAURUS**

- **father** a male parent: My father's a doctor. | He's a father of three.
- **dad** **informal** used when talking to your father, or about someone's father: Can I borrow your car, Dad? | Her dad retired ten years ago. | My dad was in the army.
- **daddy** a name for father, which is used especially by young children or when you are talking to young children: Where's your daddy? | Daddy, can I have a drink, please?
- **pop** **American English informal** (also **pa** **old-fashioned**) used when talking to your father, or about someone's father: I helped Pop fix the gate this morning. | Can I help, Pa? | He is in New York with his Pop's credit card, eating all the ice cream and pizza the city has to offer.
- **papa** **old-fashioned informal** used when talking to your father, or about someone's father: Papa had forbidden me to go. | She saw her papa's face change at this news.
- **sb's old man** **informal** someone's father – used when talking about him in a way that is not very respectful: His old man wouldn't let him use the car.
- **stepfather** (also **stepdad** **informal**) a man who is married to your mother, who is not your father but often acts as your parent: Her stepfather is really nice.

II. **father**<sup>2</sup> **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **verb** [transitive]

1. to become the father of a child by making a woman ↑**pregnant**

- Hodgkins fathered seven children.

2. **formal** to start an important new idea or system:

- Bevan fathered the concept of the National Health Service.

**father something on somebody** **phrasal verb** **British English**

**formal** to claim that someone is responsible for something when they are not:

- A collection of lies was fathered on him.

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