

**maternity**[mə'tɜːnɪti] *n*

материнство

maternity dress - платье для беременных

maternity belt - бандаж для беременных

maternity benefit /aid/ - пособие по беременности и родам, пособие в связи с рождением ребёнка

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ma-ter-ni-ty** [maternity maternities] *BrE* [mə'tɜːnəʃi] *NAmE* [mə'tɜːrnəʃi]**noun uncountable**

the state of being or becoming a mother

- maternity clothes (= clothes for women who are pregnant)
- a **maternity ward/hospital** (= one where women go to give birth to their babies)

Word Origin:early 17th cent.: from French **maternité**, from Latin **maternus**, from **mater** 'mother'.**maternity**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**I. ma-ter-ni-ty**<sup>1</sup> /mə'tɜːnəti, mə'tɜːnəʃi-*BrE* *AmE* **adjective** [only before noun]relating to a woman who is ↑pregnant or who has just had a baby ⇒ **paternity**:

\* a maternity dress

**maternity benefits/pay etc** (=money that the government or employers give to a woman after she has had a baby)**II. maternity**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* **noun** [uncountable]

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