

parent

[ˈpe(ə)rənt] *n*

1. родитель; родительница

- spiritual parent - духовный отец
- fond parents - любящие родители
- unnatural parents - приёмные родители
- he is living on his parents - он живёт за счёт родителей
- he has separated parents - его родители разошлись

2. праотец предок

- our first parents - наши прародители Адам и Ева
- the two languages have a common linguistic parent - у этих двух языков общий праязык
- astrology is the parent of modern astronomy - астрология - предшественница современной астрономии
- this club is parent to many other clubs - этот клуб положил начало многим другим

3. *биол.* родитель, животное или растение, от которого произошли другие

4. источник, причина

- the parent of evil - источник зла
- ignorance is a parent of many evils - невежество - источник многих бед

5. вышестоящий орган (*имеющий систему периферийных органов*)

- a parent organization - головная организация

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

par-ent [parent parents parented parenting] *BrE* ['peərənt] *NAme* ['perənt]

noun

1. usually plural a person's father or mother

- He's still living with his parents.
- her adoptive parents
- Sue and Ben have recently become parents.
- It can be difficult to be a good parent.

see also ↑one-parent family, ↑single parent, ↑step-parent

2. an animal or a plant which produces other animals or plants

- the parent bird/tree

3. (often used as an adjective) an organization that produces and owns or controls smaller organizations of the same type

- a parent bank and its subsidiaries
- the parent company

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, from Latin **parent-** 'bringing forth', from the verb **parere**. The verb dates from the mid 17th cent.

Thesaurus:

parent *noun C, usually pl.*

- He's forty but still living with his parents.

mother • **father** • **step-parent/stepmother/stepfather** • **guardian** • |informal, especially spoken **dad** • **daddy** • |BrE, informal, especially spoken **mum** • **mummy** • |AmE, informal, especially spoken **mom** • **mommy** • **folks** •

a **good/bad/caring/loving/doting/devoted/proud** parent/mother/father/dad/mum/mom

a **stern/strict** parent/mother/father/step-parent/guardian

become a/sb's parent/mother/father/step-parent/guardian/dad/mum/mom

Example Bank:

- The study showed that children with involved parents do better at school.
- The subsidiary eventually outgrew its parent company and took it over.
- They have just become the proud parents of a baby girl.
- single-parent families
- the identities of the adoptive parents
- He's still living with his parents.
- We are looking for volunteers to act as foster parents.

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par-ent **S1 W1** /'peərənt \$ 'per-/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin, present participle of parere 'to give birth to']

1. the father or mother of a person or animal:

- Children under 14 should be accompanied by a parent.
- The eggs are guarded by both parents.
- Melissa's spending the weekend at her parents' house. ⇒ ↑birth parent, ⇒ foster parents at ↑foster²(3), ⇒ lone parent at ↑lone(2), ⇒ ↑one-parent family, ↑single parent

2. something that produces other things of the same type:

- New shoots appear near the parent plant.

3. a company which owns a smaller company or organization:

- Land Rover's new parent

COLLOCATIONS

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + parent

- **a single parent** (also **a lone parent** *British English*) (=someone who has their children living with them, but no partner) My mum is a single parent.
- **somebody's biological/natural parents** Most children are reared by their natural parents.
- **somebody's birth parents** (=the ones who are biologically related to them) Only half the children who are adopted wish to discover their birth parents.
- **somebody's real parents** (=their biological parents) I was thrilled to have found my real parents.
- **adoptive parents** (=the people who take someone else's child into their home and legally become his or her parents) Adoptive parents often have little practical preparation for parenthood.
- **a foster parent** (=someone who has other people's children living with them) Teresa was removed from her mother's care and placed with foster parents.

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