

offspring

[ˈɒf.sprɪŋ] *n*

1. 1) отпрыск, потомок
he is the offspring of a great scientist - он потомок великого учёного
- 2) (the offspring) потомки
our achievements should be appreciated by the offspring - наши достижения будут оценены потомками
- 3) потомство (о людях и животных)
2. продукт; результат, плод, детище
the law of nations is the offspring of modern times - международное право является продуктом современности
3. физ. вторичная частица

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off-spring *BrE* [ˈɒfsprɪŋ] ¹ *NAmE* [ˈɔːfsprɪŋ] ² *NAmE* [ˈɑːfsprɪŋ] ³ **noun** (pl.

off-spring)(*formal* or *humorous*)

1. a child of a particular person or couple
 - the problems parents have with their teenage offspring
 - to **produce/raise offspring**
2. the young of an animal or plant
 - Female badgers may give birth to as many as five offspring

Word Origin:

Old English ofspring (see ↑*off*, ↑*spring*).

Thesaurus:

offspring [**offspring**] **noun** C, usually pl.

• Badgers give birth to up to five offspring

young • • **baby** • • **litter** • • **brood** •

produce/rear/raise offspring/young/babies/a litter/a brood

give birth to offspring/young/a baby/a litter

Offspring, baby or young? **Offspring** and **young** are more scientific, technical words than **baby**. The parent animal must be mentioned or understood when using them:

• The females stay close to their offspring/young.

• Oh, look! That one's just a baby!

✗ Oh, look! That one's just an offspring/a young.

Example Bank:

• The beast was believed to be the offspring of a panther.

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[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** offspring, from of 'off' + springan 'to move suddenly']

1. someone's child or children – often used humorously:

¹ a young mother trying to control her offspring

2. an animal's baby or babies **SYN young**:

¹ a lion and its offspring

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