matrix

['meitriks] n (pl mж. -rices)

- 1. анат. матка
- 2. биол. межклеточное вещество ткани
- 3. спец. матрица, форма
- 4. геол. материнская или маточная порода, жильная порода; цементирующая среда
- 5. стр. вяжущее вещество, раствор
- 6. полигр. матрица

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mat·rix [matrix matrices matrixes] *BrE* ['meɪtrɪks] *NAmE* ['meɪtrɪks] *NAmE* ['meɪtrɪks] *NAmE* ['meɪtrɪsi□‡)

- 1. (mathematics) an arrangement of numbers, symbols, etc. in rows and columns, treated as a single quantity
- 2. (formal) the formal social, political, etc. situation from which a society or person grows and develops
- the European cultural matrix
- **3.** (formal or literary) a system of lines, roads, etc. that cross each other, forming a series of squares or shapes in between **Syn:** ¹network
- a matrix of paths
- 4. (technical) a [†]mould in which sth is shaped
- **5.** (computing) a group of electronic [†]circuit elements arranged in rows and columns like a [†]grid see also [†]dot matrix printer
- 6. (geology) a mass of rock in which minerals, [†]precious stones, etc. are found in the ground

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'womb'): from Latin, breeding female, later womb, from mater, matr- 'mother'.

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ma trix /'meɪtrɪks/ BrE * AmE * noun (plural matrices /-trəsi□z,-trɪsi□ż or matrixes) [countable] technical

- [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: 'womb', from mater 'mother]
- **1**. an arrangement of numbers, letters, or signs in rows and [†]columns that you consider to be one amount, and that you use in solving mathematical problems:
 - a matrix table
- **2**. a situation from which a person or society can grow and develop:
 - the cultural matrix
- 3. a living part in which something is formed or develops, such as the substance from which your [†]fingernails grow
- 4. a [†]mould (=hollow container) into which melted metal, plastic etc is poured to form a shape
- 5. the rock in which hard stones or jewels have formed
- ⇒ [†]dot-matrix printer

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