

maternal[mə'tɜːn(ə)] *n*

1. материнский, свойственный матери
the maternal instinct - материнский инстинкт
2. с материнской стороны, по материнской линии; принадлежащий матери
maternal grandfather [uncle] - дедушка [дядя] с материнской стороны /со стороны матери, по матери
maternal inheritance - наследство, оставшееся после матери
maternal property - имущество матери

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ma-ter-nal *BrE* [mə'tɜːrnl̩] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [mə'tɜːrnl̩] [ⓘ] **adjective**

1. having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards a child
 - maternal love
 - I'm not very maternal.
 - She didn't have any maternal instincts.
2. connected with being a mother
 - Maternal age affects the baby's survival rate.
 - the effects of maternal smoking during pregnancy
3. **only before noun** related through the mother's side of the family
 - my maternal grandfather (= my mother's father)

Derived Word ↑ **maternally**Word Origin:[**maternal maternally**] late 15th cent.: from French **maternel**, from Latin **maternus**, from **mater** 'mother'.**maternal**

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ma-ter-nal /mə'tɜːnəl/ -3 *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **adjective**[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: **maternel**, from Latin **maternus**, from **mater** 'mother']

1. typical of the way a good mother behaves or feels ⇒ **paternal** :
Annie was wonderfully warm and maternal.
She seems to have a strong **maternal instinct** (= *desire to have babies and take care of them*).
2. [**only before noun**] relating to a mother or to being a mother ⇒ **paternal** :
the relationship between maternal age and infant mortality
3. **maternal grandfather / aunt etc** your mother's father, sister etc
—**maternally** *adverb*

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