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mother[1, noun]

mother[2, adjective]

mother[3, transitive verb]

mother[4, noun]

den mother
earth mother
Mother Carey's chicken
mother cell
mother country
Mother Goose

Main Entry: ˈmoth·er

Pronunciation: ˈmō-thər

Function: noun

Etymology: Middle English moder, from Old English mōdor; akin to Old High German muoter mother, Latin mater, Greek mētēr, Sanskrit mātṛ

Date: before 12th century

1: a female parent (1): a woman in authority; specifically: the superior of a religious community of women (2): an old or elderly woman

2: SOURCE, ORIGIN <necessity is the mother of invention>

3: maternal tenderness or affection

4 [short for motherfucker] sometimes
vulgar : MOTHERFUCKER
5 : something that is an extreme or ultimate example of its kind especially in terms of scale <the mother of all construction projects>
— mother·hood noun
— mother·less adjective
— mother·less·ness noun

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