Be a Word Architect

You can form new words that tell about relationships by adding prefixes or suffixes to the words mother, father, sister, and brother. You can also form new words by adding prefixes and suffixes to the following Latin word roots that name these family members.

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Vocabulary Words
brotherhood  motherhood
brotherly    motherly
fatherhood   paternal
fatherly     patriarch
fraternal    patriot
maternal     sisterhood
maternity    sisterly
matriarch

Word Learning Tip!
Many words have very similar meanings because they contain the same main word part. They can be grouped together and called a word family since all of their meanings are related. In this lesson, you will study the word family that contains word parts describing relationships between people.

Vocabulary Building Strategy
Use Word Families When you know the meaning of the main word part in a word family, you can learn what an unfamiliar word in that family means. Think about what the main word means. Then look for other word parts, such as prefixes and suffixes, in the same word. Add the meanings of word parts together with the meaning of the main word to determine the meaning of new words.

Play a Word Game Work with a partner. Create a deck of fifteen cards with one vocabulary word on each card. Choose a card from the deck. Give your partner clues to help him or her guess the word on the card. After you partner guesses the word, change roles. Continue playing until you have used up all of the cards.
Directions  Look at the family tree below. Place each vocabulary word on the correct branch of the tree.

Words Related to Mothers

Words Related to Brothers

Words Related to Sisters

Words Related to Fathers

brotherhood  fatherly  maternity
brotherly  fraternal  matriarch
fatherhood  maternal  motherhood

motherly  paternal  patriarch
patriot  sisterhood  sisterly
Connect Words and Meanings

Directions Read each definition below. Then complete the sentence that follows it.

1. **motherhood** the condition of being a mother; mothers thought of as a group
   On Mother's Day, some people celebrate mothers and **motherhood** by

2. **fatherhood** the condition of being a father; fathers thought of as a group
   On Father's Day at the baseball game, the teams may salute **fatherhood** by

3. **fatherly** showing the affection and warm feelings that a father does; like a father
   The coach gave some **fatherly** advice to the team when he told them to

4. **sisterhood** the condition of being sisters or a group of women who share many interests
   Members of a club at school called the Sixth-Grade **Sisterhood** would all be

5. **matriarch** a female head of family or group of people
   At a Thanksgiving dinner, the **matriarch** of a large family might

6. **brotherhood** the condition of being brothers or a group of men who share a common interest, aim or cause; fellowship or good will
   One goal of a club that promotes **brotherhood** might be

7. **patriot** person who feels or shows great love or loyalty to his or her country
   In wartime, a **patriot** might

8. **maternity** condition or qualities of becoming a mother, or a section of a hospital having to do with mothers and their newborn children
   Someone would be granted **maternity** leave from a job because

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Directions  Continue this activity. Read each definition below. Then complete the sentence that follows it.

9. maternal  having to do with being a mother or related on the mother’s side; motherly
   The cat demonstrated her maternal instincts when she

10. paternal  having to do with being a father or related on the father’s side
    One relative on the paternal side of my family is my father’s

11. patriarch  male head of family or group of people
    At a family reunion, the patriarch might

12. brotherly  like a brother or in a manner that is friendly, kind, helpful, or loyal
    A millionaire could show brotherly love for others by

13. sisterly  like a sister or in a manner that is friendly, kind, helpful, or loving
    Juanita gave me a sisterly hug when

14. motherly  like a mother or in a manner that is appropriate to a mother
    If an adult treats you in a motherly way, that person acts

15. fraternal  relating to brothers or people who act like brothers
    If two people have a fraternal tie, they must be

Identify Synonyms  One of the reasons English is so rich in synonyms is that we have allowed foreign words to enter our language. For example, the words mother, father, brother, and sister are from Old English words, while the roots frater and mater are based on Latin words. Review the vocabulary list again and identify at least three pairs of synonyms. Write them in your personal word journal along with a sentence using each pair of words.
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15 Word Families

Learn Words in Context

brotherhood  fatherly  maternity  motherly  patriot
brotherly  fraternal  matriarch  paternal  sisterhood
fatherhood  maternal  motherhood  patriarch  sisterly

A Family Gathering

When my grandfather Joshua—the wise, kindly patriot and head of our family—was eighty-two years old, his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren threw a surprise party for him. He sat at the head of the table, a smiling picture of fatherhood. Beside him sat his wife Anna, my grandmother and the matriarch of the clan. She had a warm, motherly smile as she looked at us—her four children, ten grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. Her look was filled with the purest maternal love.

“Thanks so much for always being yourselves,” my grandfather said, in a very paternal voice. He liked using his kindest, most fatherly voice at gatherings like this!

Then my Aunt Darcy stood up. “And thank you, father, for teaching us so much. We learned from you the value of family. Anita and I cherish our sisterhood, while Jake and Elliot remain close to this day. They know that the bonds of brotherhood can remain strong, even when two brothers live miles apart. The fraternal affection between them is wonderful to see.”

“In addition to love of family,” said Uncle Jake, “you taught us love of country. During World War II, you showed that you are a patriot when you fought as bravely in Europe as the founders of our nation did many years ago.”

My mother said, “During the Vietnam War, I had my first child. My husband Keith was overseas. Dad, I vividly remember how you stayed with me in the maternity ward of the hospital all day. It was there that I became a mother for the first time. I was afraid, and you made that difficult time easier for me to get through.”

“And two years later you surprised us all by having the twins—Hal and Sara!” Grandfather Joshua said, laughing loudly.

“I’ve always been glad about that,” Hal said, giving me a friendly, brotherly smile.

“Me, too,” I said, giving him a sisterly hug.

“Well,” said Grandmother Anna, “I’m certainly lucky to have all of you around. Motherhood has its happy and sad moments, but all in all, it’s been a wonderful experience!”

“And what a great day this has been,” said Grandfather Joshua, smiling broadly. “Now, who’s going to help me blow out all these candles?”
Use Words in Context

Directions Write the vocabulary word that best fits in each blank.

1. The ___________ of the Nuygen family gave her children and grandchildren courage when they left Vietnam and settled in San Antonio.

2. The coach told the boy's basketball team to think of themselves as a band of brothers and demonstrate ___________ love toward one another.

3. The new father beamed with pride when his new baby clutched his finger. ___________ was turning out to be even better than he expected.

4. When Xavier researched his family tree, he discovered that his ___________ grandparents, or the grandparents on his father's side, came from Mexico City.

5. His mother's side of the family, or his ___________ relations, came from Ireland.

6. "Be a pal and help me with my algebra homework," said Felicia to her sister. "After all, it's the ___________ thing to do!"

7. "___________ suits you," said Dr. Halprin, as she looked at the new mother cradling her baby in her arms.

8. Five girls in the class all had the same name—Jennifer. They banded together and called themselves “The Jennifer ___________.”

9. Nathan Hale, a famous ___________, said that he regretted that he had but one life to give for his country.

10. The ___________ of the family led all his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren out West.

Create a Patriotism Award Work in pairs. Think of an historical person, such as Sojourner Truth, Crispus Attucks, or Harriet Tubman, who you think should receive a patriotism award. Design a plaque on separate paper. Write the person's name along with a brief description explaining why he or she is receiving the award.
Review and Extend

Directions  Use your knowledge of the Latin roots *frater*, *mater*, and *pater* to fill in the blank in each sentence below. Choose either a vocabulary word or a new related word. Write this word in the blank. You may use the dictionary to help you.

New Words

1. If you value your country highly and show it the affection you would normally show a father, you can be called a ________________________.

2. If you have strong feelings of affection for your country, your feelings can be described as ________________________.

3. If someone gives you fatherly advice, that advice could be described as ________________________.

4. If you act like a father to an artist and support and champion this artist’s work, you are a ________________________ of this artist.

5. If you show brotherly affection toward others, your actions can be described as ________________________.

6. If your brother is a member of a college club in which all the young men treat each other as brothers, he belongs to a ________________________.

7. If your cat is about to give birth to kittens, the period of time the cat is experiencing is ________________________.

8. If you are an older woman who is married or widowed, you are a ________________________.

9. If you are a woman and the head of your family, you are the ________________________.

10. If you belong to a group of girls who share a common interest your group could be called a ________________________.

Create a Family Tree  Research a family tree. It can be a family from a novel you have read or a famous person. After you make your tree, write a paragraph describing the family’s relationships. Use at least three vocabulary words in your description.
Check Your Mastery

Directions Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence below.

1. After her father's death, Uncle Evan acted like a father to Samantha and showed her _____ affection.
   A. paternal   B. patriot   C. fraternal

2. Leela was related to Grant on her mother's or the _____ side of her family.
   A. maternity   B. matriarch   C. maternal

3. “Let me give you a little _____ advice,” Carla said. “Violet is not your best color.”
   A. brotherly   B. sisterly   C. fatherly

4. In old tales, the _____ of a family was usually a wise man whom others consulted or asked for advice.
   A. patriarch   B. fatherhood   C. brotherhood

5. Juan and Miguel were very close. They displayed a lot of _____ affection.
   A. brotherly   B. brotherhood   C. patriarch

Directions Circle the letter of the correct answer.

6. Which two vocabulary words are synonyms?
   A. motherhood and matriarch   B. patriot and patriarch   C. paternal and maternal

7. Which of the following could describe a group of women who started a book club?
   A. fatherhood   B. sisterhood   C. motherhood   D. fraternal

8. Who of the following is most likely to win a medal in battle?
   A. a matriarch   B. a patriarch   C. a patriot   D. a brotherhood

9. In a maternity ward, which of the following would you not expect to see?
   A. a bicycle   B. a crib   C. a nurse   D. a baby bottle

10. Paternal is to maternal as
    A. motherhood is to brotherhood   B. fatherly is to motherly
    C. patriarch is to paternal   D. sisterhood is to sisterly