



Assembly

**Mothers**

What is this picture about?



**Discuss:**

**What makes somebody a mother?**

## Did you know this?

- We talk about a “mother tongue”, but did you know the word for mother is a variation of “mama” in over 80 unrelated languages including Welsh, Russian, and some native American languages? Linguists think this is an ancient trend down to human development. For a baby wishing to communicate with its mother, “ah” is the easiest sound to make and “m” the simplest consonant.
- Mothers play an important role in many religions. Durga in Hinduism is said to be the supreme mother goddess representing divine energy. The Virgin Mary is highly venerated in the Christian faith, and the Quran tells Muslims that they should love and respect their mothers above anyone else.

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Video



Discuss:

**What words would you use to describe your own mother?**

Quote:

**“Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother.”**

*Oprah Winfrey, television host and writer, argues that motherhood is about far more than simply giving birth.*

**Do you agree?**