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A Tiny Wispy Ewe

Everyone has a mother, and our favorite pets are no exception. One Mother's day story that is particularly meaningful takes place on a little farm on a faraway island regarding a farmer who raises sheep. One of his special ewes named Ma was old and had been a favorite of the farmer for years. This particular year, Ma was likely to give birth to three lambs, as was her custom. He put her in a private small stall to make sure she was comfortable. While he was away, Ma gave birth. There were complications, two of the lambs had died, but a third was on the way. Eventually, a final lamb was born. It was a wispy little ram. Too little to stay out in the cold, the farmer whisked him away and put him in a box lined with towels in the warmest room of his home.

By morning, the lamb was hungry and ready to return to Ma. But alas, during the night, the farmer's beloved Ma had died. The tiny lamb was now an orphan. Over the next few days the farmer tried to get other ewes to adopt the little lamb, but to no avail. The young calf would get butted away. So, the farmer gave him four bottles of milk every day and named him "Rosebud". At the start, he lived in the house, and in the evening the farmer would let him lay on his lap while he listened to the radio. The farmer discovered Rosebud was fond of jazz. Eventually, Rosebud became the leader for the herd. Originally, Ma's death was difficult for the farmer, but in this way Ma continued to live on through her son, as our moms continue to live through us and inspire us to be the best that we can be.

Adapted from: Heart Warming Mother's Day Stories By: Anne Harvester

Motherhood is a love story that needs no words

Every mother instinctively knows how to hold her child. From how she cradles her baby in her arms, to the way she strokes her baby's head, the physical act of touching one's child is a natural expression of the kind of love only a mother can give.

It is important for us to realize and understand that a mother's touch is enough in the child's eyes. In fact, numerous studies have shown that skin-to-skin contact between a mother and her baby plays an important role not just in the child's development, but also the mother's emotional well-being.

In many hospitals, physical contact between mothers and their infants are actively encouraged. Babies are usually placed on the mother's chest or abdomen in order to bond with each other. It has been shown that babies who are exposed to their mother's touch grow stronger, feel less anxiety, and are generally healthier.

Research also suggests that increasing mother-baby contact reduces crying. Results showed that babies who experienced increased carrying throughout the day, in addition to feeding times, cried and fussed less compared to babies who did not — a reaction associated with increased contentment.

So go ahead and let your baby feel your love by letting your touch do the talking. Do not worry so much about picking your babies up often, especially when they're crying. Contrary to popular belief, this will not spoil them. Touch communicates to your baby that you are there for him, and that you know and understand his needs. Just think about how comforting a friend's hug feels when you need it the most. The same goes for your baby.

Touch has been described as our first language. It secures a mother's bond to her baby, and is one of the main ways you can create a nurturing bond with your newborn. So go ahead; stroke, cuddle, and hold your baby. A mother's touch is the language of pure love.

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Read more: <https://lifestyle.inquirer.net/228329/motherhood-is-a-love-story-that-needs-no-words-2/#ixzz5uYR9FOLF>

****Wishing Her Majesty Queen Sirikit an abundance of great health, happiness and prosperity on this most auspicious Mother's Day - 12 August 2019.**

FIGURES OF SPEECH

-the mother of all loads -

=Motherload= is Slang [- ***Mother lode*** is the standard spelling.]

(A very large amount of something usually valuable)

Last night, Suchart brought in a motherload of papers for editing.

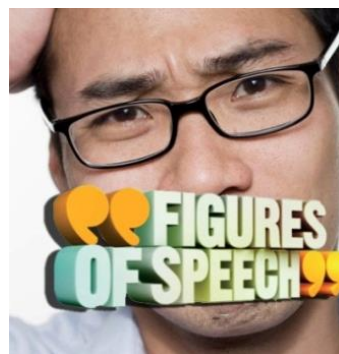
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-mother tongue-

(Usually, the language you first learned to speak as a child; your native language.)

Tiffany's, an Africa-American, mother tongue is Japanese.

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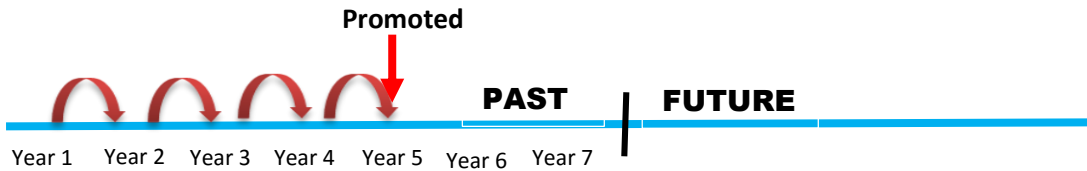
Grammar Attack

Did you Know?

Past Perfect Continuous Tense

I had been working at the company for five years when I got the promotion.

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Continually worked in the past and at some point in the past received a promotion.

When, for, since, and before are words that you may see used alongside the past perfect continuous tense.

Vocabulary Build

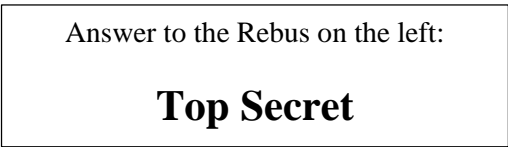
Prefix **Pertaining to; associated with; having to do with** Sample Word and Definition

a-	on, to, towards	ashore, aside, aboard, atop
		Abreast - Side by side; up to date.
		Doctors need to stay abreast of all new cancer research.
	in the process of, in a particular state	aflame, aloft, abash, adrift
Ago- In the past.		
	Three years ago, he was in another country.	
an-	not, without	achromatic, anhydrous, analgia, asexual
		Abyss - a bottomless pit, cavity, or chasm.
	The space station lost contact with the satellite after it fell into the abyss.	



Rebus Puzzle

-a kind of word puzzle that uses pictures to represent words or parts of words.



What is the word or phrase expressed in the following rebus puzzle?



(the answer to the Puzzle will be in the next issue)