

mother removal as weaning. Counsilman and Lim (1985) disagree with Martin's definition and vice versa.

[Old English *wenian*, to accustom]

◆ **²weaning** *n.*

1. A parent animal's decreasing the amount of, or ceasing to give, resources to its offspring (Trivers 1972).
2. A mother animal's breaking her offspring's dependence on her, especially with regard to feeding, which can be a lengthy process in some more derived mammal species (Immelmann and Beer 1989, 237).

cf. ³conflict: parent-offspring conflict, weaning conflict

◆ **³weaning** *n.* An offspring's decreasing the amount of, or ceasing to take, resources (*e.g.*, food, space, or time) from its parent (Trivers 1972).

◆ **⁴weaning** *n.*

1. The period during ontogeny when the rate of parental investment (*sensu* Trivers 1972) drops most sharply (Martin 1984, 1985).
2. The period when a mother stops suckling a young (Counsilman and Lim 1985).

◆ **weaning aggression** See aggression: weaning aggression.

◆ **weaning conflict** See ³conflict: weaning conflict.

◆ **weapon automimicry** See mimicry: automimicry: weapon automimicry