

mail

I

1. [meɪl] *n*
- почта, почтовая корреспонденция
foreign mail - заграничная почта /корреспонденция/
diplomatic mail - дипломатическая почта
registered mail - заказная корреспонденция
unopened mail - нераспечатанные письма
mail handling - обработка/сортировка/ корреспонденции
to deliver[to collect, to dispatch] the mail - доставлять [собирать /вынимать из почтовых ящиков/, отправлять] почту /письма/
the mail is late - почта запаздывает
I had a lot of mail last week - на прошлой неделе я получил много писем /у меня была большая корреспонденция/
is there any mail for me? - для меня есть письма?
has the mail come? - почта была? почту /письма/ приносили?
 - почта (*система доставки корреспонденции*)
to send smth. through the mail(s) - посылать что-л. по почте /почтой/
surface mail - простая почта (*не авиа*)
air mail - авиапочта
mail bomb - почтовая бомба (*бомба замедленного действия, взрывающаяся, когда получатель вскрывает письмо*)
 - мешок для почтовой корреспонденции; мешок с почтой
 - почтовый поезд
this letter will catch the night mail to London - это письмо уйдёт с ночным лондонским поездом
2. [meɪl] *v*
посылать по почте; сдавать на почту
where can I mail this letter? - где можно отправить/опустить в ящик/ это письмо?

II

1. [meɪl] *n*
- кольчуга (*мж.* coat of mail); броня
 - зоол.* щиток (*черепахи*); скорлупа (*рака*)
2. [meɪl] *v*
покрывать кольчугой, бронёй

II

- [meɪl] *n шотл.*
- налог, арендная плата; рента
mails and duties - рента с усадьбы (*денежная и натуральная*)
 - ист.* оброк, подать, дань

IV

- [meɪl] *n диал.*
пятно, отметина

mail

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mail [mail mails mailed mailing] *noun, verb* BrE [meɪl] [ⓘ] NAmE [meɪl] [ⓘ]
noun uncountable

- (BrE also **post**) the official system used for sending and delivering letters, packages, etc
 - a **mail service/train/van**
 - the Royal Mail
 - Your cheque is in the mail.
 - We do our business **by mail** .

see also ↑airmail, ↑snail mail, ↑voicemail
- (BrE also **post**) letters, packages, etc. that are sent and delivered
 - There isn't much mail today.
 - I sat down to open **the mail** .
 - Is there a letter from them **in the mail** ?
 - hate mail** (= letters containing insults and threats)

see also ↑junk mail, ↑surface mail
- messages that are sent or received on a computer
 - Check regularly for new mail.

see also ↑electronic mail, ↑email
- used in the title of some newspapers
 - the Mail on Sunday
- = ↑chain mail
 - a coat of mail

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'travelling bag'): from Old French **male** 'wallet', of West Germanic origin. The sense "by post" dates from the mid 17th cent.

Culture:

postal services

Most letters and packages posted in Britain are dealt with by the [↑]Royal Mail, which is part of the Royal Mail Group Ltd, together with Parcelforce, which delivers larger packages, and the [↑]Post Office, which manages the country's many post offices. As well as selling stamps, post offices take in letters and packages that are to be sent by special delivery. Post offices also sell vehicle licences and often greetings cards and **stationery**. In villages they are often combined with a newsagent's and general store. In recent years, many smaller post offices have been closed because they do not make a profit, though this often led to protests from local people.

Mail (= letters, bills, etc.) is often called **post** in British English. When sending a letter, people can choose between two levels of service, **first class** or the cheaper **second class**. Normally, first-class mail is delivered the day after it is posted and second-class mail within two or three days. Every address in Britain includes a **postcode** of letters and numbers, for example OX1 2PX for an address in Oxford, that makes it possible to sort the post by machine. Letters are posted in red **postboxes**, also called **letter boxes**. Each has a sign giving times of **collections**. **Postmen** and women deliver mail each morning direct to homes and businesses. They put the mail through a flap in the door, which is also called a **letter box**. In the country they travel round in red vans, but in towns and villages they often ride bicycles.

The system that deals with mail in the US, the **US Postal Service (USPS)**, is an independent part of the government. Its head is the **Postmaster General**. **Mail carriers**, sometimes called **mailmen** though many are women, deliver mail to homes and businesses once a day. Most homes have **mailboxes** fixed outside, near the door. It is very uncommon for a house to have a letter box in the door for letters. People whose houses are a long way from the road have a special **rural mailbox** by the road. This has a flag which the mail carrier raises so that the people in the house can see when they have mail. To mail (= send) a letter, people leave it on top of their own mailbox or put it in one of the many blue mailboxes in cities and towns. Every address in the US includes an abbreviation for the name of the state and a **ZIP code**, which is used to help sort the mail. Post offices sell stamps and deal with mail that has to be insured. Most cities have one post office which stays open late. Americans complain about the Postal Service, but it usually does an efficient job at a reasonable price.

In the US only Postal Service can deliver mail to letter boxes and the Service has a **monopoly** on first-class mail that is not urgent. In Britain the post office lost its **monopoly** on delivery of post in 2006. In both countries there are many companies who provide **courier** and **messenger services** for urgent mail. The largest of these include [↑]FedEx and DHL. In Britain private companies may also deliver mail to letter boxes.

Thesaurus:

mail noun U

• There isn't any mail for you today.

letter • • **email** • • **message** • • **note** • • **memo** • • **fax** • • **text** • |BrE **post** • |formal **correspondence** • • **communication** • • **memorandum** •

(a/an) mail/letter/email/message/note/memo/fax/text/post/correspondence/communication/memorandum **from/to** sb

(a) **personal/private** mail/letter/email/message/note/correspondence/communication

send/receive (a/an) mail/letter/email/message/note/memo/fax/text/post/correspondence/communication/memorandum

British/American:

post / mail

Nouns

In **BrE** the official system used for sending and delivering letters, parcels/packages, etc. is usually called the post. In **NAmE** it is usually called the mail: ▪ I'll put an application form in the post/mail for you today. ◊ ▪ Send your fee by post/mail to this address. Mail is sometimes used in **BrE** in such expressions as ▪ the Royal Mail. Post occurs in **NAmE** in such expressions as ▪ the US Postal Service.

In **BrE** post is also used to mean the letters, parcels/packages, etc. that are delivered to you. Mail is the usual word in **NAmE** and is sometimes also used in **BrE**: ▪ Was there any post/mail this morning? ◊ ▪ I sat down to open my post/mail. **Verbs**

Compare: ▪ I'll post the letter when I go out. (**BrE**) and ▪ I'll mail the letter when I go out. (**NAmE**) **Compounds**

Note these words: postman (**BrE**), mailman/mail carrier (both **NAmE**); postbox (**BrE**), mailbox (**NAmE**) Some compounds are used in both **BrE** and **NAmE**: post office, postcard, mail order.

Example Bank:

- Has the mail come yet?
- He has received death threats and hate mail from angry fans.
- I throw away junk mail without reading it.
- I throw junk mail straight in the bin without reading it.
- If we want to send something to another department, we use the internal mail.
- Is there anything interesting in the mail?
- My reply is in the mail.
- Send it by first-class mail.
- She checked her mail before leaving the hotel.
- Some people let their assistants handle the mail.
- The mail carrier didn't deliver the mail on Friday.
- The mail is collected twice a day.
- The postcode allows the mail to be sorted automatically.
- We got the Post Office to redirect our mail when we moved.
- We had our mail redirected when we moved out.
- direct mail advertising
- the strange piece of fan mail she'd received two days earlier
- Half a million tonnes of junk mail is generated every year in the UK.
- I sat down to open the mail.

- Is there a letter from them in the mail?
- She's received a lot of hate mail for speaking out about it.
- There isn't much mail today.
- You've got mail.

Derived ↑mail something out

verb

1. (especially **NAmE**) to send sth to sb using the ↑postal system
 - ~ **sth (to sb/sth)** Don't forget to mail that letter to your mother.
 - ~ **sb sth** Don't forget to mail your mother that letter.
 - ~ **sb/sth** The company intends to mail 50 000 households in the area.
2. (**BrE**) to send a message to sb by email
 - ~ **sb** Please mail us at the following email address.
 - ~ **sth (to sb/sth)** The virus mails itself forward to everyone in your address book.
 - ~ **sb sth** Can you mail me that document you mentioned?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mail
	BrE /meɪl/
	NAmE /meɪl/
he / she / it	mails
	BrE /meɪlz/
	NAmE /meɪlz/
past simple, past participle	mailed
	BrE /meɪld/
	NAmE /meɪld/
-ing form	mailing
	BrE /meɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /meɪlɪŋ/

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mail verb T (especially AmE)

- Don't forget to mail that letter.

send • • **forward** • • **send sth on** • |BrE **post** • |formal, especially business **dispatch** •

mail/send/forward/send sth on/post/dispatch sth to sb

mail/send/forward/send on/post/dispatch a **letter**

mail/send/post a/an **invitation** /**package** /**parcel** /**postcard** /**reply**

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Example Bank:

- Mailing out information can be very expensive.
- The brochures are mailed direct to members.
- Don't forget to mail that letter.

See also: ↑post

mail

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1. **mail** ¹ **S3 W3** /meɪl/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ noun [uncountable]

[Sense 1-3: Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: male '**bag**]

[Sense 4: Date: 1200-1300; Language: French; Origin: maille, from Latin macula '**spot, woven threads**]

1. the letters and packages that are delivered to you:

- You shouldn't read other people's mail.
- He found a mountain of mail waiting for him.
- She promised to forward my mail to my new address (=send it from your old home or office to your new one).
- He gets sacks of fan mail (=letters from people who admire him).

hate mail (=letters from people who hate you)

2. *especially American English* the system of collecting and delivering letters and packages **SYN post** *British English*:

" The mail here's really slow and unreliable.

" The product will be sold mainly through the mail.

in the mail

" I'll put the check in the mail tomorrow.

by mail

" Did you send the document by mail?

registered/express/first-class etc mail

" I sent my application by registered mail.

" Most reports are sent via internal mail (=a system of sending documents to people inside the same organization).

3. messages that are sent and received on a computer **SYN email** :

" I check my mail a couple of times a day.

" She's just received another mail message from them.

4. ↑**armour** made of small pieces of metal, worn by soldiers in the Middle Ages

⇒ ↑**voice mail**

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **send mail** Please do not send personal mail to my work address.

▪ **get/receive mail** Did we get any mail this morning?

▪ **the mail comes/arrives** The mail had come late that day.

▪ **the mail goes (out)** (=it leaves an organization to be sent) What time does the mail go out?

▪ **read your mail** The first thing he did was read his mail.

▪ **open your mail** She opened her mail as she ate her breakfast.

▪ **forward/redirect somebody's mail** (=send it to a new address) The post office will forward your mail for a limited time.

▪ **deliver the mail** The postman had just delivered the mail.

▪ **sort mail** (=put it into different piles, ready for delivery) Some mail still has to be sorted by hand.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + mail

▪ **personal/private mail** (=for one person to read and nobody else) He accused her of reading his private mail.

▪ **fan mail** (=letters from fans) He gets so much fan mail he had to employ a secretary to deal with it.

▪ **hate mail** (=letters expressing hate) She got threatening phone calls and hate mail.

▪ **junk mail** (=letters, usually advertisements, that you do not want) I only ever get junk mail and bills.

▪ **registered mail** (=letters insured against loss or damage) You have to sign for registered mail.

II. **mail**² **S3** *BrE*[±] *AmE*[±] *verb* [transitive] *especially American English*

1. to send a letter or package to someone **SYN post** *British English*

mail something to somebody

" The weekly newsletter is mailed to women all over the country.

2. to send a document to someone using a computer **SYN email**

mail something to somebody

" Can you mail it to me as an attachment?

mail something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

to send letters, packages etc to a lot of people at the same time **SYN send out**:

" The department has just mailed out 300,000 notices.

mail

Freakuency Pack

12500 **3036**^{MCW}

15000 **1914**^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** MAIL 19075

mail 14387

mails 305

mailing 1801

mailings 457

mailed 2125

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

8052 **3130**¹³³⁵⁰ *nn1*

541 **28652**⁶⁰² *vvi*

383 **35383**⁴¹⁷ *vv0*

14 **213685**¹⁴ *jj*

4 **443531**¹⁴ *nnu*