

medal**1. [medl] n**

медаль; орден

military medal - военный орден

swimming medal - медаль за призовое место в соревнованиях по плаванию

to award a medal to smb. - наградить кого-л. медалью *или* орденомto wear [to sport] all one's medals - носить [выставлять напоказ] все свои медали *или* ордена, щеголять своими орденами /наградами/medal hunter - *презр.* охотник за наградами

◇ putty medal - награда сомнительной ценности; ≅ картонная медаль

the reverse of the medal - оборотная сторона медали

2. [medl] vнаграждать медалью *или* орденом**medal**

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medal [medal medals] noun, verb BrE ['medl] ^ˈ NAmE ['medl] ^ˈ

noun



a flat piece of metal, usually shaped like a coin, that is given to the winner of a competition or to sb who has been brave, for example in war

- to win a gold medal in the Olympics
- to award a medal for bravery

see deserve a medal **at** ↑deserve

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French *médaille*, from Italian *medaglia*, from medieval Latin *medalia* 'half a denarius' (ancient Roman silver coin), from Latin *medialis* 'medial' .

Culture:**medals**

The highest **decoration** (= award) that can be **awarded** to a British person is the ↑**Victoria Cross (VC)**, which is given to members of the armed forces 'for conspicuous bravery in the face of the enemy'. It is a bronze cross decorated with a lion and the words 'For Valour', which is hung from a **crimson** ribbon. The Victoria Cross was introduced by Queen ↑**Victoria** in 1856, during the ↑**Crimean War**. It is reserved for acts of the greatest courage and is often awarded **posthumously** (= to a person who died as a result of their brave action).

The highest **decoration** for members of the public is the ↑**George Cross (GC)**, which is also awarded for bravery in great danger. It is a silver cross decorated with St George and the Dragon and the words 'For Gallantry', and is hung from a dark blue ribbon. It was introduced by ↑**George VI** in 1940.

Other highly valued decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Military Cross and the George Medal. There are also medals for acts of bravery by police officers and by members of the **firefighting**, **lifeboat** and **coastguard** services.

The US also has many medals for military and **civilian** achievements. The ↑**Medal of Honor (MH)**, often called the Congressional Medal of Honor, is the highest military award and is given for 'the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty'. It is a star that hangs from a blue ribbon which is decorated with 13 white stars. It was created in 1862 during the **Civil War**, and by 2004 more than 3 450 had been awarded. Another well-known military medal is the ↑**Purple Heart (PH)**, which is awarded to Americans wounded in wars. George ↑**Washington** introduced it in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit, and the medal today has a ribbon above a purple heart with Washington's image on it. Other important military awards include the Distinguished Service Cross and the Bronze Star.

The highest US **civilian** award is the **Presidential Medal of Freedom**, established in 1945 as the Medal of Freedom. It was originally for military service, but President ↑**Kennedy** changed this and also its name. The **Congressional Gold Medal** is also for civilians. The first was awarded in 1776 to George Washington; in 2003 one was awarded to the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair. The **Carnegie Medal**, another honour for civilians, is given to people who have saved, or tried to save, somebody's life. On the medal is a sentence from the Bible: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

Example Bank:

- A commemorative medal was struck in honour of the event
- He is a major medal hope for Britain.
- He won a gold medal in the 100 metres.
- Her medal hopes were dashed by injury.
- She deserves a medal for putting up with him.
- a medal for bravery
- Anyone who does that job deserves a medal!

- He received a medal for his service in the war.
- She is one of our best hopes for an Olympic medal.
- She won the gold medal at the World Championships.
- That brings Britain's medal haul to six— two golds, three silvers and a bronze.

verb (-II-, especially US -I-) intransitive

to win a ↑medal in a competition

- Evans has medalled at several international events.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
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| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | medal |
| | BrE / 'medl/ |
| | NAme / 'medl/ |
| he / she / it | medals |
| | BrE / 'medlz/ |
| | NAme / 'medlz/ |
| past simple, past participle | medalled (especially US) medaled |
| | BrE / 'medld/ |
| | NAme / 'medld/ |
| -ing form | medalling (especially US) medaling |
| | BrE / 'medlɪŋ/ |
| | NAme / 'medlɪŋ/ |

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I. **medal**¹ /'medl/ BrE^u AmE^u noun [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: *médaille*, from Old Italian *medaglia* 'coin of half value, medal', from Late Latin *medialis* 'middle'; from Latin *medius*; ↑medium²]



a flat piece of metal, usually shaped like a coin, that is given to someone who has won a competition or who has done something brave:

- She won a gold medal at the last Olympics.
- The two boys were awarded medals for bravery.

⇒ **deserve a medal** at ↑deserve(3)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **win a medal** They won a medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.
- **take a medal** (=win a medal) German runner Stephan Freigang took the bronze medal.
- **get a medal** (also **receive a medal formal**) She received a medal from the Society of Arts.
- **give somebody a medal** He was given a medal for his courageous actions.
- **be awarded a medal** The book was awarded the Carnegie Medal.

■ ADJECTIVES

- **a gold medal** (=for first place) He won the gold medal in Athens in 2004.
- **a silver medal** (=for second place) She was awarded the silver medal for the 100 metres.
- **a bronze medal** (=for third place) Morrell took the bronze medal in the long jump.

■ medal + noun

- **a medal winner** Johnson was a silver medal winner at the Olympic Games.

II. **medal**² BrE^u AmE^u verb (past tense and past participle **medalled**, present participle **medalling** British English, **medaled**, **medaling** American English) [intransitive]

to win a medal at a competition, especially at the Olympic Games

medal in

- Germany has the potential to medal in gymnastics this year.

medal

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