

**mortar**

I

1. ['mɔ:tə] *n*
  1. ступка, ступа  
mortar and pestle - ступка и пестик
  2. **воен.** миномёт, мортира
2. ['mɔ:tə] *v воен.*  
обстреливать миномётным огнём

II

1. ['mɔ:tə] *n*  
известковый раствор; строительный раствор
2. ['mɔ:tə] *v*  
скреплять известковым раствором

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**mor·tar** [mortar mortars mortared mortaring] **noun, verb** BrE ['mɔːtə(r)]<sup>1</sup>

NAme ['mɔːrtər]<sup>1</sup>

**noun**



1. **uncountable** a mixture of sand, water, ↑lime and ↑cement used in building for holding bricks and stones together
  2. **countable** a heavy gun that fires bombs and ↑shells high into the air; the bombs that are fired by this gun
    - to come under **mortar fire/attack**
  3. **countable** a small hard bowl in which you can crush substances such as seeds and grains into powder with a special object (called a ↑pestle)
- see** bricks and mortar **at** ↑brick *n.*

Word Origin:

- n. senses 2 to 3** and **v.** late Old English Old French **mortier** Latin **mortarium**
- n. sense 1** Middle English Old French **mortier** Latin **mortarium**

Example Bank:

- The occasional mortar burst near our truck.
- Their troops were armed with mortars and machine guns.
- They could not move their heavy mortars over the swampy ground.
- We were under constant mortar fire.
- hit by a mortar shell
- Two soldiers were killed when their patrol came under mortar fire.

**verb intransitive, transitive ~ (sb/sth)**

to attack sb/sth using a ↑mortar

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mortar
	BrE /'mɔːtə(r)/
	NAme /'mɔːrtər/
he / she / it	mortars
	BrE /'mɔːtəz/
	NAme /'mɔːrtərz/
past simple, past participle	mortared
	BrE /'mɔːtəd/
	NAme /'mɔːrtəd/
-ing form	mortaring
	BrE /'mɔːtəriŋ/
	NAme /'mɔːrtəriŋ/

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[Date: 1000-1100; Language: Old French; Origin: mortier, from Latin mortarium]

1. **[uncountable]** a mixture of **↑cement** or **↑lime**, and sand and water, used in building for holding bricks or stones together

2. **[countable]** a heavy gun that fires bombs or **↑shells** in a high curve:

" A cameraman was killed when his vehicle came under mortar fire.

" a mortar attack

3.



**[countable]** a stone bowl in which substances are crushed with a **↑pestle** (=tool with a heavy round end):

" You'll need a pestle and mortar to grind the spices.

⇒ **bricks and mortar** at **↑brick**<sup>1(2)</sup>

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Frequency Pack

12500 **7819**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **5577**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **6k MORTAR**<sup>2512</sup>

mortar 1948

mortars 564

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1095 **15590**<sup>1603</sup> *nn1*

283 **41734**<sup>311</sup> *vv0*

30 **133139**<sup>34</sup> *vvi*