

mace

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[meɪs] *n*

1. *уст.* булава
2. жезл
3. = mace-bearer
4. мазик (*бильярд*); крокетный молоток
5. деревянный молоток для мягчения кожи

II

[meɪs] *n*

сушёная шелуха мускатного ореха (*специя*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

mace [mace maces] *BrE* [meɪs] ^ˈ *NAmE* [meɪs] ^ˈ *noun*

1. **countable** a decorative stick, carried as a sign of authority by an official such as a mayor
compare ↑sceptre
2. **countable** a large heavy stick that has a head with metal points on it, used in the past as a weapon
3. **uncountable** the dried outer covering of ↑nutmegs (= the hard nuts of a tropical tree), used in cooking as a spice

Word Origin:

senses 1 to 2 Middle English Old French *masse* 'large hammer'

sense 3 Middle English *macis* Old French Latin *macir*

Culture:

In the British ↑House of Commons the mace is a rod decorated with silver and gold that is kept as symbol of the authority of the ↑Speaker.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Sense 1: Date: 1200-1300; Language: French; Origin: *macis*, from Latin *macir*, from Greek]

[Sense 2-3: Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Vulgar Latin *mattia*]

1. [**uncountable**] a spice made from the dried shell of a ↑nutmeg
2. [**countable**] a heavy ball with sharp points on a short metal stick, used in the past as a weapon
3. [**countable**] a decorated stick that is carried by an official in some ceremonies as a sign of power ⇒ **sceptre**

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