

Ms (BrE) (also **Ms.** NAmE, BrE) *BrE* [mɪz] ^ˈ *NAmE* [mɪz] ^ˈ *BrE* [məz] ^ˈ
NAmE [məz] ^ˈ abbreviation

a title that comes before a woman's family name or before her first and family names together, and that can be used when you do not want to state whether she is married or not

- Ms Murphy
- Ms Jean Murphy

compare Miss, ↑Mrs

Word Origin:

[**Ms**] 1950s: combination of ↑Mrs and Miss (see ↑miss).

Ms

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Ms *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *British English, Ms. American English* /mɪz, məz/

used before a woman's family name when she does not want to be called 'Mrs' or 'Miss', or when you do not know whether she is married or not ⇒ **miss, Mrs:**

Dear Ms Johnson, ...