

Mr [Mr Messrs] (BrE) (also **Mr.** NAmE, BrE) *BrE* ['mɪstə(r)] [ⓘ] *NAmE* ['mɪstər] [ⓘ]

abbreviation

1. a title that comes before a man's family name, or before his first and family names together

- Mr Brown
- Mr John Brown
- Mr and Mrs Brown

2. a title used to address a man in some official positions

- Thank you, Mr Chairman.
- Mr. President

see also ↑mister

Idioms: ↑Mr Nice Guy ▪ ↑Mr Right

Word Origin:

late Middle English: originally an abbreviation of ↑master; compare with ↑mister.

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Mr *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] *British English, Mr. American English* /'mɪstə \$ -ər/

1. used before a man's family name to be polite when you are speaking to him, writing to him, or talking about him:

- " Mr Smith is the headteacher.
- " Mr. John Smith
- " Mr and Mrs Smith

2. used when speaking to a man in an official position:

- " Mr Chairman
- " Mr. President ⇒ ↑madam(3)

3. **Mr Right** a man who would be the perfect husband for a particular woman:

- " She's finally found Mr. Right.

4. **Mr Big** *informal* the leader or most important person in a group, especially a criminal group

5. **Mr Clean** *informal* someone who is honest and always obeys the law

6. **Mr Sarcasm/Mr Messy/Mr Forgetful etc** *spoken* used humorously to say that someone has a particular quality or behaves in a particular way:

- " I don't think we need any comments from Mr Sarcasm here.

⇒ **no more Mr Nice Guy!** at ↑guy(5)