

PC [PC] *BrE* [ˌpiːˈsiː] *NAmE* [ˌpiːˈsiː] **abbreviation**



1. **personal computer** (a small computer that is designed for one person to use at work or at home)
2. (*BrE*) **Police Constable** (a police officer of the lowest rank)
 - PC Tom March
- see also** ↑WPC
3. ↑politically correct

Example Bank:

- PC Jason Adams is a community policeman patrolling the estate.
- The office is permanently manned by a PC or WPC.

PC

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I. **PC**¹ /ˌpiːˈsiː/ *BrE* *AmE* **noun** [countable]

1. (**personal computer**) a computer that is used by one person at a time, either at home or at work:
People can use their PCs to do their banking from home.
2. *British English* (**police constable**) a police officer of the lowest rank

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■ **people in the police**

- **police officer** (*also* **officer**) a member of the police. In British English, **police officer** is used especially in more formal contexts, for example in news reports. In everyday English, British people still usually say **policeman** or **policewoman**: a senior police officer | He was sentenced to life in prison for killing a police officer. | He is the officer in charge of the case. | Officer Fayard (=in the US 'Officer' is used in the title of police officers)
- **policeman** a man who is a member of the police: an off-duty policeman | He's a former policeman.
- **policewoman** a woman who is a member of the police: The girl, accompanied by a policewoman and two social workers, was seen in private by Sheriff George Crozier.
- **PC/WPC** *abbreviation* used in the job titles of British police officers. **PC** means 'Police Constable' and **WPC** means 'Woman Police Constable': PC Keith Fletcher | WPC Susan Larkin
- **detective** a police officer whose job is to discover who is responsible for crimes: Detectives are investigating the death of a baby boy. | Detective Inspector John Hartwell
- **plain-clothes** *adjective* a plain-clothes police officer wears ordinary clothes instead of a uniform: Two plain-clothes police officers, acting as hotel security men, kept watch on him.
- **constable** a British police officer of the lowest rank: a police constable | Constable Robin Cameron
- **chief constable** a senior police officer who is in charge of the police in a particular area in Britain: the chief constable of North Yorkshire police
- **cop** *informal* a police officer: You'd better call the cops.
- **trooper** a US police officer in a state police force: a New Jersey state trooper

II. **PC**² *BrE* *AmE* **adjective**
(**politically correct**) used to describe language, behaviour, and attitudes that are carefully chosen so that they do not offend or insult anyone:

It's not PC to describe people as disabled.