

mate

I

1. [meɪt] *n*
 - 1) товарищ (*по работе*); напарник; напарница
 - 2) *прост.* товарищ, приятель; кореш
I say, mate! - послушай, приятель /друг!
 2. самец *или* самка из (одной) пары (*особ. у птиц*)
 3. супруг; супруга
she has been a faithful mate to him - она была ему верной подругой
 4. *мор.*
 - 1) помощник капитана (*на торговом судне*)
chief mate - старший помощник капитана
 - 2) *амер.* старшина
 - 3) помощник
cook's mate - помощник кока
gunner's mate - *амер.* старшина-артиллерист
surgeon's mate - помощник корабельного врача; фельдшер
 5. *уст.* ровня; пара
 6. 1) парная вещь
I've lost the mate of this glove - я потерял вторую перчатку
 - 2) *тех.* парная деталь, сопряжённая часть
 7. (-mate) *как компонент сложного слова со значением* сотоварищ:
schoolmate, classmate - соученик
roommate - товарищ по комнате
teammate - товарищ по команде

2. [meɪt] *v*
 - 1) 1) сочетать браком
 - 2) сочетаться браком
 2. (*особ. о птицах*)
 - 1) спаривать
they mated a horse with a donkey - они скрестили лошадь с ослом
 - 2) спариваться
birds mate in spring - птицы спариваются весной
 3. общаться
 4. равнять, приравнивать
 5. *тех.*
 - 1) соединять; сопрягать
 - 2) зацепляться (*о зубчатых колёсах*)

II

1. [meɪt] *n сокр. от checkmate I 1*
fool's mate - мат в начале игры
smothered mate - спёртый мат
2. [meɪt] *сокр. от checkmate II 1*

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mate [meɪt meɪts meɪtɪd meɪtɪŋ] *noun, verb* *BrE* [meɪt] ^ˌ *NAmE* [meɪt] ^ˌ
noun

FRIEND

1. **countable** (*BrE, AustralE, informal*) a friend
 - They've been best mates since school.
 - I was with a mate.

FRIENDLY NAME

2. **countable** (*BrE, AustralE, informal*) used as a friendly way of addressing sb, especially between men
 - Sorry mate, you'll have to wait.
 - All right, mate?

SB YOU SHARE WITH

3. **countable** (in compounds) a person you share an activity or accommodation with
 - **workmates/teammates/playmates/classmates**
 - my **room-mate/flatmate**

see also ↑running mate, ↑soulmate

BIRD/ANIMAL

4. **countable** either of a pair of birds or animals
 - A male bird sings to attract a mate.

SEXUAL PARTNER

5. **countable** (informal) a husband, wife or other sexual partner

JOB

6. **countable** (BrE) a person whose job is to help a skilled worker
• a **builder's/plumber's mate**

ON SHIP

7. **countable** an officer in a commercial ship below the rank of captain or ↑**master**
see also ↑**first mate**

IN CHESS

8. **uncountable** = ↑**checkmate**

Word Origin:

n. **senses 1 to 7** and v. **senses 1 to 2** late Middle English Middle Low German **māt(e)** 'comrade' West Germanic ↑**meat**

n. **sense 8** and v. **sense 3** Middle English Anglo-Norman French **mat eschec mat** 'checkmate' Anglo-Norman French **mater** 'to checkmate'

Example Bank:

- He's a cheat and a gambler; hardly an ideal mate.
- He's got loads of mates at school.
- Many matchmaking sites compile lists of potential mates using basic information.
- These birds have bright plumage to attract a mate.
- They've been good mates ever since they were at school together.

verb

ANIMALS/BIRDS

1. **intransitive** ~ **(with sth)** (of two animals or birds) to have sex in order to produce young
• Do foxes evermate with dogs?
• After mating, the female kills the male.

see also ↑**mating**

2. **transitive** ~ **sth (to/with sth)** to put animals or birds together so that they will have sex and produce young

IN CHESS

3. **transitive** = ↑**checkmate**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mate
	BrE /meɪt/
	NAme /meɪt/
he / she / it	mates
	BrE /meɪts/
	NAme /meɪts/
past simple, past participle	mated
	BrE /meɪtɪd/
	NAme /meɪtɪd/
-ing form	mating
	BrE /meɪtɪŋ/
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Example Bank:

- Females that mate with several males are rare.
- the sexual signal from the adult female that tells the male she is ready to mate

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1. **mate**¹ **S2** /meɪt/ BrE^u AmE^u **noun**

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Middle Low German; Origin: mat]

1. **SOMEBODY YOU DO SOMETHING WITH** [countable] someone you work with, do an activity with, or share something with
class/team/work etc mate

• Dad's office mates are throwing a party for him.

house/flat/room mate (=someone you share a house, room etc with)

2. **FRIEND** [countable] **British English informal**

a) a friend:

I'm going out with my mates tonight.

good/best mate

" He's good mates with John.

" Most of my school mates are black.

b) used as a friendly way to address a man:

" What's the time, mate?

3. ANIMAL [countable] the sexual partner of an animal

4. HUSBAND/WIFE [countable] *American English* a husband or wife – used especially in magazines **SYN partner:**

" How do women choose their mates?

5. SAILOR [countable] a ship's officer who is one rank below the captain

6. NAVY OFFICER [countable] a US Navy ↑petty officer

7. builder's/plumber's/electrician's etc mate *British English* someone who works with and helps a skilled worker

8. GAME [uncountable] ↑checkmate in the game of ↑chess

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THESAURUS

▪ **friend** someone who you know and like very much and enjoy spending time with: Dad, this is my friend Steve. | She's going to Palm Springs with some friends. | I got a letter from a friend from college. | Amy's a close friend of mine. | John was a really good friend to me when I had all those problems last year.

▪ **acquaintance** /ə'kweɪntəns/ someone who you know and see sometimes, but who is not one of your close friends: We borrowed the money from one of Paul's business acquaintances.

▪ **mate** *British English informal* a friend – used especially about boys or men: He always goes to the pub with his mates on Friday night. | Terry's an old mate of mine.

▪ **buddy** *American English informal* a friend – used especially about men or young people: He's out playing basketball with some of his high school buddies.

▪ **pal** *informal* a friend – **pal** sounds rather old-fashioned: They met at school and have remained close pals.

▪ **crony** [usually plural] *disapproving* a friend – used about powerful people who will help each other even if it is slightly dishonest: He's one of the President's cronies.

▪ **companion** *written* someone who spends time with you, doing the same things as you – used about animals as well as people: travelling companions | His dog was his constant companion. | the perfect companion

▪ **the girls** *informal* a woman's female friends: We're having a girls' night out.

▪ **the lads** *British English informal* a man's male friends: a night out with the lads

II. mate ² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb*

[Sense 1-2: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇒ ↑mate¹]

[Sense 3: Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: mater, from mat 'checkmate', from Arabic]

1. [intransitive] if animals mate, they have sex to produce babies

mate with

" It's quite common for male birds to mate with several females.

2. [transitive] to put animals together so that they will have sex and produce babies:

" Rabbits can be mated as early as six months old.

3. [transitive] to achieve the ↑checkmate of your opponent in ↑chess

mate

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RANGE: **2k** **MATE** ⁹⁹⁷⁶

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mates ¹⁸³⁴

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