

**chat**

I

1. [tʃæt] *n*  
(непринуждённый) разговор, беседа; разговор о том о сём  
to have a chat - побеседовать, поговорить, поболтать  
I had a long chat with him - мы с ним наговорились вволю  
we need less chat and more work - нужно меньше болтать и больше делать

2. [tʃæt] *v*  
1) болтать; непринуждённо беседовать; говорить о том о сём  
they chatted (away) to each other about the fashions - они без умолку трещали о модах  
2) *разг.* заговаривать (с целью познакомиться); *обыкн.* chat up  
to chat up a girl - заговорить с девушкой; увлечь девушку разговором

II

- [tʃæt] *n*  
1) певчая птичка  
2) *австрал.* (любая) птица

II

- [tʃæt] *n*  
1) рудничная пустая порода  
2) *pl горн.* убогая руда; промежуточные продукты обогащения

IV

- [tʃæt] *n сл.*  
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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**chat** [chat chats chatted chatting] *verb, noun* BrE [tʃæt] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [tʃæt] <sup>m</sup>

*verb* (-tt-)

1. *intransitive* to talk in a friendly informal way to sb
  - ~ (to/with sb) My kids spend hours chatting on the phone to their friends.
  - ~ away (to/with sb) Within minutes of being introduced they were chatting away like old friends.
  - ~ about sth/sb What were you chatting about?
2. *intransitive* ~ (away) (to/with sb) | ~ (about sth/sb) to exchange messages with other people on the Internet, especially in a <sup>↑</sup>chat room
  - He's been on the computer all morning, chatting with his friends.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	chat
	BrE /tʃæt/
	NAmE /tʃæt/
he / she /it	chats
	BrE /tʃæts/
	NAmE /tʃæts/
past simple, past participle	chatted
	BrE /tʃætd/
	NAmE /tʃætd/
-ing form	chatting
	BrE /tʃætɪŋ/
	NAmE /tʃætɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of <sup>↑</sup>chatter.

Thesaurus:

**chat** *verb* |

- We spent hours chatting on the phone.
- chatter** • • **talk** • • **speak** • |sometimes disapproving **gossip** •  
chat/chatter/talk/speak to sb/gossip about sth  
chat/chatter/talk/speak/gossip to/with sb  
chat/chatter/gossip away

Example Bank:

- George was in the kitchen chatting to some friends.
- I spent a happy half-hour chatting with a friend.
- I've been chatting online with my best friend.
- They chatted away to each other.
- We chatted briefly about the weather.
- You will have a chance to circulate and chat informally.

Derived <sup>↑</sup>chat somebody up

*noun*

1. *countable* (especially BrE) a friendly informal conversation

- I just called in for a chat.
  - I had a long chat with her.
2. **uncountable** talking, especially informal conversation
    - That's enough chat from me— on with the music!
  3. **uncountable, countable** communication between people on the Internet
    - chat software
    - Internet chat services
    - Fans are invited to an online chat.
    - a guide to Internet chat safety for children

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Thesaurus:

**chat** noun U, C (especially BrE)

- We had a chat about the kids.

**conversation** • **talk** • **gossip** • **discussion** • **chatter** •

(a) chat/conversation/talk/gossip/discussion/chatter **about** sth

a chat/conversation/talk/gossip/discussion **with** sb

**have** a chat/conversation/talk/gossip/discussion

Synonyms:

**discussion**

conversation • dialogue • talk • debate • consultation • chat • gossip

These are all words for an occasion when people talk about sth.

**discussion** • a detailed conversation about sth that is considered to be important: ▪ Discussions are still taking place between the two leaders.

**conversation** • a talk, usually a private or informal one, involving two people or a small group; the activity of talking in this way: ▪ a telephone conversation

**dialogue** • conversations in a book, play or film: ▪ The novel has long descriptions and not much dialogue. A **dialogue** is also a formal discussion between two groups, especially when they are trying to solve a problem or end a dispute: ▪ The President told waiting reporters there had been a constructive dialogue.

**talk** • a conversation or discussion, often one about a problem or sth important for the people involved ▪ I had a long talk with my boss about my career prospects.

**debate** • a formal discussion of an issue at a public meeting or in a parliament. In a debate two or more speakers express opposing views and then there is often a vote on the issue: ▪ a debate on prison reform

**consultation** • a formal discussion between groups of people before a decision is made about sth: ▪ There have been extensive consultations between the two countries.

**chat** • a friendly informal conversation; informal talking. The countable use of **chat** is especially British English: ▪ I just called in for a chat about the kids.

**gossip** • a conversation about other people and their private lives: ▪ We had a good gossip about the boss.

a discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/debate/consultation/chat/gossip **about** sth

a discussion/conversation/dialogue/debate/consultation **on** sth

**in (close)** discussion/conversation/dialogue/debate/consultation **with** sb

to **have** a discussion/conversation/dialogue/talk/debate/consultation/chat/gossip **with** sb

to **hold** a discussion/conversation/debate/consultation

Example Bank:

- They say he's already married, but it's just idle chat.
- We had a nice chat over a cup of tea.
- You can take part in a live online chat with the movie's director this afternoon.
- You can't believe all the stories you hear in Internet chat rooms.
- a chat about his new job
- a chat between Mr Blair and a journalist
- a friendly chat with a colleague
- I just called in for a chat about the kids.
- That's enough chat from me— on with the music!

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **chat**<sup>1</sup> **S2** /tʃæt/ *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *noun* [uncountable and countable]

*especially British English* an informal friendly conversation

**chat with**

▪ I've had a long chat with Vinnie.

**chat about**

▪ a chat about the weather

▪ She was enjoying their friendly little chat.

▪ She used to drop in for a chat quite often.

⇒ **backchat**

## COLLOCATIONS

### verbs

- **have a chat** We were just having a chat.
- **call in/round for a chat** Are you free later if I call in for a chat?
- **meet up for a chat** Sometimes we go to the cinema or just meet up for a chat.
- **enjoy a chat** Most people enjoy a good chat.

### adjectives

- **a little chat** Why don't you call her and have a little chat.
- **a brief chat** *formal* My manager said he wanted to have a brief chat with me.
- **a bit of a chat** *spoken BrE:* Perhaps I could have a bit of a chat with him.
- **a long chat** We sat down and had a long chat.
- **a friendly chat** New students sometimes just need to have a friendly chat with someone.
- **a cosy chat** (=a relaxed and usually private one) I made some coffee and we had a cosy chat.
- **an informal chat** Come and see me any time if you want an informal chat about jobs.
- **a private/confidential chat** Have a confidential chat with the school nurse.
- **a quiet chat** (=one that other people will not interrupt.) Let's go and have a quiet chat over lunch.
- **an online chat** (=one had with someone over the internet) With MSN you can have an online chat with your friends.

## II. chat<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> verb (past tense and past participle **chatted**, present participle **chatting**) [intransitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: chatter]

### 1. (also **chat away**) especially *British English* to talk in a friendly informal way, especially about things that are not important:

<sup>1</sup> John and I sat up until the early hours chatting.

#### chat with/to

<sup>1</sup> Mary was there, chatting to her mother.

#### chat about

<sup>1</sup> Susie chatted away about her social life.

### 2. to communicate with several people in a chat room on the Internet

#### chat somebody ↔ up *phrasal verb*

*British English informal* to talk to someone in a way that shows you are sexually attracted to them:

<sup>1</sup> I spent the evening chatting up Liz.

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