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boyfriend

boy friend [boyfriend boyfriends] BrE ['botfrend] NAmE ['botfrend] noun a man or boy that sb has a romantic or sexual relationship with

Thesaurus:

boyfriend noun C

• Emma's got a new boyfriend.

partner •• man •• lover •• fiancé •• admirer • |especially AmE date • |becoming old-fashioned sweetheart • |old-fashioned suitor •

sb's new boyfriend/partner/man/lover/admirer

sb's ex - boyfriend/partner/lover/fiancé

sb's former/current boyfriend/partner/lover

have a/an boyfriend/partner/man/lover/fiancé/admirer/date

Boyfriend or partner? A **partner** is usually sb you live with but are not married to and suggests a more long-term relationship. Young people often prefer to use the words **boyfriend/girlfriend**.

Example Bank:

- Do you have a boyfriend?
- She had a string of wealthy boyfriends before she finally married.
- She was stalked by a jilted boyfriend.
- She's been having boyfriend trouble.
- I just ran into my ex-boyfriend.

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THESAURUS

boyfriend a boy or man that you have a romantic relationship with, especially for a fairly long time: Josh was my first boyfriend.
partner the person you are married to, or the person you are living with and having a sexual relationship with: Sweden allows

gay partners to receive many of the same benefits that married couples get. | Partners are also welcome.

- fiancé the man whom a woman is going to marry: Her fiancé was killed in the war.
- lover someone who you have a sexual relationship with, without being married to them: A few nights later, they became lovers.
- ex informal a woman's former husband or boyfriend: Her ex has caused a lot of trouble for her.

• old flame *informal* someone who was your boyfriend in the past: In a box in the closet, I found love letters from one of her old flames.

- man informal a woman's husband or boyfriend: She'll always stand by her man.
- sweetheart old-fashioned the person that you love: They were childhood sweethearts.
- beau old-fashioned a woman's boyfriend or lover a very old-fashioned use: Does she have a beau?

• toy boy informal humorous a young man who is having a sexual relationship with an older woman: A woman with a toy boy gets a lot more disapproving looks than a man with a younger woman.

• sugar daddy *informal* an older man who gives a younger woman presents and money in return for their company and often for sex: I can imagine her cashing checks from some mysterious sugar daddy.

• be going out with somebody if you are going out with a boy or man, you have him as your boyfriend: She's been going out with Jack for a couple of months.

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