

spate**1. [speɪt] n**

1. наводнение; разлив (*реки*); половодье; подъём воды
the river is in spate - река вздулась
2. ливень
3. поток
spate of words - поток красноречия, словоизвержение
spate of work - работы невпроворот
4. приступ, прилив
spate of anger - приступ гнева

2. [speɪt] v

1. вздуться; разливаться (*о реке*)
2. лить (*о дожде*)

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spate [spate spates] BrE [speɪt] ^m NAmE [speɪt] ^m noun usually singular ~ of sth

a large number of things, which are usually unpleasant, that happen suddenly within a short period of time

- The bombing was the latest in a spate of terrorist attacks.
- a recent **spate of killings/thefts**

Idiom: [↑]in spate

Word Origin:

late Middle English (originally Scots and northern English in the sense 'flood, inundation'): of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- Detectives are investigating a recent spate of thefts in the neighbourhood

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spate /speɪt/ BrE ^m AmE ^m noun

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Perhaps from Old French espoit, from Dutch spuiten 'to flow out strongly']

1. **spate of something** a large number of similar things that happen in a short period of time, especially bad things:
^m a spate of burglaries
2. **in spate** *British English* a river, stream etc that is in spate is very full and flowing very fast

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