

Mrs [Mrs Mesdames] (BrE) (also **Mrs.** NAmE, BrE) *BrE* ['mɪsɪz] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['mɪsɪz]

^ˈ abbreviation

a title that comes before a married woman's family name or before her first and family names together

- Mrs Hill
- Mrs Susan Hill
- Mr and Mrs Hill

compare Miss, ↑Ms

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: abbreviation of ↑mistress; compare with ↑missus.

Mrs

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Mrs *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *British English*, *Mrs. American English* /'mɪsəz, 'mɪsɪz/

1. used before a married woman's family name to be polite when you are speaking to her, writing to her, or talking about her ⇒ **miss**,

Mr:

- ˈ Mrs. Smith
- ˈ Mrs Meddeman heads the fund-raising committee.
- ˈ Mr and Mrs David Smith

▶ Some married women prefer to be addressed as **Ms** because it does not draw attention to whether or not they are married.

2. **Mrs Tidy/Mrs Efficient/Mrs Nosy etc** *spoken* used humorously to say that a woman has a particular quality or behaves in a particular way:

- ˈ Mrs Superefficient has already taken care of it.