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**plate** (plāt)*n.*

- A smooth, flat, relatively thin, rigid body of uniform thickness.
  - A sheet of hammered, rolled, or cast metal.
    - A very thin applied or deposited coat of metal.
  - A flat piece of metal forming part of a machine: *a boiler plate*.
    - A flat piece of metal on which something is engraved.
    - A license plate.
  - A thin piece of metal used for armor.
    - Armor made of such pieces.
  - Printing*
    - A sheet of metal, plastic, rubber, paperboard, or other material prepared for use as a surface, such as an electrotpe or a stereotype.
    - A print of a woodcut, lithograph, or other engraved material, especially when reproduced in a book.
    - A full-page book illustration, often in color and printed on paper different from that used on the text pages.
  - Photography* A light-sensitive sheet of glass or metal on which a photographic image can be recorded.
  - Dentistry* A thin metallic or plastic support fitted to the gums to anchor artificial teeth.
  - Architecture* In wood-frame construction, a horizontal member, capping the exterior wall studs, which the roof rafters rest on.
  - Baseball* Home plate.
  - A shallow dish in which food is served or from which it is eaten.
    - The contents of such a dish: *ate a plate of spaghetti*.
    - A whole course served on such a dish.
  - Service and food for one person at a meal: *dinner at a set price per plate*.
  - Household articles, such as hollowware, covered with a precious metal, such as silver or gold.
  - A dish passed among the members of a group or congregation for the collection of offerings.
  - Sports*
    - A dish, cup, or other article of silver or gold offered as a prize.
    - A contest, especially a horserace, offering such a prize.
  - A thin cut of beef from the brisket.
  - Biology*
    - A thin flat layer or scale, as that of a fish.
    - A platelike part, organ, or structure, such as that covering some reptiles.
  - Electricity*
    - An electrode, as in a storage battery or capacitor.
    - The anode in an electron tube.
  - Geology* In the theory of plate tectonics, one of the sections of the earth's lithosphere, considered as moving in relation to the other sections.
  - Informal* A schedule of matters to be dealt with: *had a lot on my plate at work after vacation*
- tr. v.* **plat-ed, plat-ing, plates**
- To coat or cover with a thin layer of metal.

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2. To cover with armor plate: [plate a warship](#).
3. *Printing* To make a stereotype or electrotype from.
4. To give a glossy finish to (paper) by pressing between metal sheets or rollers.
5. To arrange (food) on a plate, as for serving: "[a choice of starters, entrées, and desserts plat they will appear when ordered](#)" ([John Edward Young](#)).

[Middle English, from Old French, from feminine of *plat*, *flat*, from Vulgar Latin \**plattus*, from Greek *platus*; see *plat-* in Indo-European roots.]

**plat<sup>er</sup>** *n.*

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**plate** [plet]

*n*

1. (Cookery)
  - a. a shallow usually circular dish made of porcelain, earthenware, glass, etc., on which food is served or from which food is eaten
  - b. (*as modifier*) [a plate rack](#)
2. (Cookery)
  - a. Also called **plateful** the contents of a plate or the amount a plate will hold
  - b. *Austral and NZ* a plate of cakes, sandwiches, etc., brought by a guest to a party [every asked to bring a plate](#)
3. (Cookery) an entire course of a meal [a cold plate](#)
4. (Christianity / Ecclesiastical Terms) any shallow or flat receptacle, esp for receiving a collection
5. (Engineering / Metallurgy) flat metal of uniform thickness obtained by rolling, usually having a thickness greater than about three millimetres
6. (Engineering / Metallurgy) a thin coating of metal usually on another metal, as produced by electrodeposition, chemical action, etc.
7. metal or metalware that has been coated in this way, esp with gold or silver [Sheffield plate](#)
8. dishes, cutlery, etc., made of gold or silver
9. (Communication Arts / Printing, Lithography & Bookbinding) a sheet of metal, plastic, rubber, etc., used as a printing surface produced by a process such as stereotyping, moulding, or photographic deposition
10. (Communication Arts / Printing, Lithography & Bookbinding) a print taken from such a sheet of metal or woodcut, esp when appearing in a book
11. a thin flat sheet of a substance, such as metal or glass
12. (Military / Arms & Armour (excluding Firearms)) armour made of overlapping or articulated plates of thin metal
13. (Miscellaneous Technologies / Photography) *Photography*
  - a. a sheet of glass, or sometimes metal, coated with photographic emulsion on which an image can be formed by exposure to light
  - b. (*as modifier*) [a plate camera](#)
14. (Medicine) an orthodontic device, esp one used for straightening children's teeth
15. (Medicine / Dentistry) an informal word for [denture](#) [1]
16. (Life Sciences & Allied Applications / Anatomy) *Anatomy* any flat platelike structure or part of an organism
17. (General Sporting Terms)
  - a. a cup or trophy awarded to the winner of a sporting contest, esp a horse race
  - b. a race or contest for such a prize
18. (Earth Sciences / Geological Science) any of the rigid layers of the earth's lithosphere of which movement is believed to be at least 15 centimetres See also [plate tectonics](#)
19. (Electronics) *Electronics*
  - a. *Chiefly US* the anode in an electronic valve
  - b. an electrode in an accumulator or capacitor
20. (Miscellaneous Technologies / Building) a horizontal timber joist that supports rafters or studs
21. (Individual Sports & Recreations / Horse Racing) a light horseshoe for flat racing
22. (Cookery) a thin cut of beef from the brisket

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23. (Transport / Railways) See [plate rail](#)

24. (Christianity / Ecclesiastical Terms) Also called **Communion plate** *RC Church* a flat plate held the chin of a communicant in order to catch any fragments of the consecrated Host

25. (Economics, Accounting & Finance / Currencies) *Archaic* a coin, esp one made of silver **on a plate** in such a way as to be acquired without further trouble *he was handed the job on a plate* **on one's plate** waiting to be done or dealt with *he has a lot on his plate at the moment*

*vb (tr)*

1. (Engineering / Metallurgy) to coat (a surface, usually metal) with a thin layer of other metal by electrolysis, chemical reaction, etc.

2. (Military / Arms & Armour (excluding Firearms)) to cover with metal plates, as for protection

3. (Communication Arts / Printing, Lithography & Bookbinding) *Printing* to make a stereotype or *cast* from (type or another plate)

4. to form (metal) into plate, esp by rolling

5. to give a glossy finish to (paper) by calendering

6. (Life Sciences & Allied Applications / Biology) to grow (microorganisms) in a culture medium *to plate up*

[from Old French: thin metal sheet, something flat, from Vulgar Latin *plattus* (unattested); related *platus* flat]

## Plate [pleɪt]

*n*

(Placename) **River.** the English name for the (Río de la) [Plata](#)

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## plate (plɛt)

*Noun*

1. A thin, flat sheet of metal or other material, especially one used as an electrode in a storage capacitor, or as the anode of an electron tube.

2. In plate tectonics, one of the sections of the Earth's lithosphere (crust and upper mantle) that constant motion along with other sections. It is the interaction of the plates that causes mountain volcanos, and other land features to form and that causes earthquakes to occur. Six major plate numerous smaller ones are recognized. See more at [tectonic boundary](#).

*Verb*

To coat or cover with a thin layer of metal.

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## plate

- [assiette](#) - A prepared dish of food, French for "plate, course of a meal."
- [dish](#), [plate](#) - Dish is a more general term and plate is more specialized.
- [plate](#) - Etymologically, something "flat," from Latin *plattus*, "flat," and Greek *platys*, "broad."

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- [placard](#) - Comes from French plaquier, "to plate; lay flat."

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1. In cartography: a. a printing plate of zinc, aluminum, or engraved copper; b. collective term for "states" of an engraved map reproduced from the same engraved printing plate; c. all detail to a map or chart which will be reproduced from a single printing plate (e.g., the "blue plate" or the "c plate").
2. In photography, a transparent medium, usually glass, coated with a photographic emulsion. See diapositive.

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- Noun 1. plate** - (baseball) base consisting of a rubber slab where the batter stands; it must be touched by a base runner in order to score; "he ruled that the runner failed to touch home"

[home base](#), [home plate](#), [home](#)

[baseball](#), [baseball game](#) - a ball game played with a bat and ball between two teams of nine players; teams take turns at bat trying to score runs; "he played baseball in high school"; "there was a baseball game on every empty lot"; "there was a desire for National League ball in the area"; "play ball!"

[bag](#), [base](#) - a place that the runner must touch before scoring; "he scrambled to go to the bag"



- 2. plate** - a sheet of metal or wood or glass or plastic

[baffle](#), [baffle board](#) - a flat plate that controls or directs the flow of fluid or energy

[cylinder head](#) - a detachable plate that covers the closed end of a cylinder chamber in a reciprocating engine or pump

[damper](#) - a movable iron plate that regulates the draft in a stove or chimney or furnace

[disk](#), [disc](#) - a flat circular plate

[engraving](#) - a block or plate or other hard surface that has been engraved

[escutcheon](#) - (nautical) a plate on a ship's stern on which the name is inscribed

[fin keel](#) - a metal plate projecting from the keel of a shallow vessel to give it greater lateral stability

[fishplate](#) - metal plate bolted along sides of two rails or beams

[storage-battery grid](#), [grid](#) - a perforated or corrugated metal plate used in a storage battery as a conductor and support for the active material

[gusset plate](#), [gusset](#) - a metal plate used to strengthen a joist

[lamella](#) - thin plate

[license plate](#), [numberplate](#) - a plate mounted on the front and back of car and bearing car's registration number

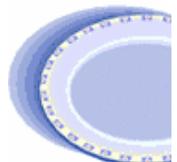
[L-plate](#) - a square plate bearing the letter L that is attached to both ends of a car to indicate that the driver is a learner

[nameplate](#) - a plate bearing a name

[plate iron](#) - a plate of iron

[platen](#) - the flat plate of a printing press that presses the paper against the type

[pleximeter](#), [pleximeter](#) - a small thin metal plate held against the body and struck



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- plexor in percussive examinations
- [flat solid](#), [sheet](#) - a flat artifact that is thin relative to its length and width
- [tap](#) - a small metal plate that attaches to the toe or heel of a shoe (as in tap dancing)
3. **plate** - a full-page illustration (usually on slick paper)
- [fashion plate](#) - a plate illustrating the latest fashion in dress
- [illustration](#) - a visual representation (a picture or diagram) that is used make some more pleasing or easier to understand
4. **plate** - dish on which food is served or from which food is eaten
- [dessert plate](#) - a small plate on which dessert can be served
- [dinner plate](#) - a plate from which a diner eats during the main course of a meal
- [flatware](#) - tableware that is relatively flat and fashioned as a single piece
- [paper plate](#) - a disposable plate made of cardboard
- [salad bowl](#), [salad plate](#) - a plate or bowl for individual servings of salad
- [soup plate](#) - a deep plate with a wide rim
- [steel plate](#) - a plate of steel
5. **plate** - the quantity contained in a plate
- [plateful](#)
- [containerful](#) - the quantity that a container will hold
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6. **plate** - a rigid layer of the Earth's crust that is believed to drift slowly
- [crustal plate](#)
- [crust](#), [Earth's crust](#) - the outer layer of the Earth
7. **plate** - the thin under portion of the forequarter
- [cut of beef](#) - cut of meat from beef cattle
8. **plate** - a main course served on a plate; "a vegetable plate"; "the blue plate special"
- [entree](#), [main course](#) - the principal dish of a meal
9. **plate** - any flat platelike body structure or part
- [operculum](#) - a hard flap serving as a cover for (a) the gill slits in fishes or (b) the opening of the shell in certain gastropods when the body is retracted
- [comb](#) - ciliated comb-like swimming plate of a ctenophore
- [anatomical structure](#), [bodily structure](#), [body structure](#), [complex body part](#), [structure](#) - particular complex anatomical part of a living thing; "he has good bone structure"
- [frill](#) - (paleontology) a bony plate that curves upward behind the skull of many ceratopsian dinosaurs
- [lamina](#) - a thin plate or layer (especially of bone or mineral)
10. **plate** - the positively charged electrode in a vacuum tube
- [anode](#) - a positively charged electrode by which electrons leave an electrical device
- [electron tube](#), [thermionic tube](#), [thermionic vacuum tube](#), [thermionic valve](#), [vacuum tube](#) - electronic device consisting of a system of electrodes arranged in an evacuated glass or metal envelope
11. **plate** - a flat sheet of metal or glass on which a photographic image can be recorded
- [photographic plate](#)
- [quarter plate](#) - a photographic plate measuring 3.25 inches by 4.25 inches
- [flat solid](#), [sheet](#) - a flat artifact that is thin relative to its length and width
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12. **plate** - structural member consisting of a horizontal beam that provides bearing and anchorage
- [structural member](#) - support that is a constituent part of any structure or building
- [structure](#), [construction](#) - a thing constructed; a complex entity constructed of many parts; "the structure consisted of a series of arches"; "she wore her hair in an amazing construction of whirls and ribbons"
- [wall plate](#) - plate (a timber along the top of a wall) to support the ends of joists, etc., and distribute the load

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**13. plate** - a shallow receptacle for collection in church

[collection plate](#)

[receptacle](#) - a container that is used to put or keep things in



**14. plate** - a metal sheathing of uniform thickness (such as the shield attached to an armor piece to protect the gunners)

[scale](#), [shell](#)

[armor plate](#), [armor plating](#), [armour plate](#), [plate armor](#), [plate armour](#) - specially hardened steel plate used to protect fortifications or vehicles from enemy fire

[horseshoe](#), [shoe](#) - U-shaped plate nailed to underside of horse's hoof

[shell plating](#) - the plates covering the frame of a steel ship and corresponding to the planking of a wooden ship

[shield](#) - a protective covering or structure

**15. plate** - a dental appliance that artificially replaces missing teeth

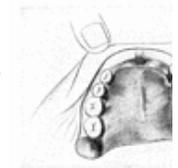
[dental plate](#), [denture](#)

[bridgework](#), [bridge](#) - a denture anchored to teeth on either side of missing teeth

[dental appliance](#) - a device to repair teeth or replace missing teeth

[false teeth](#) - a removable denture

[partial denture](#) - a denture replacing one or more teeth in a dental arch



**Verb 1. plate** - coat with a layer of metal; "plate spoons with silver"

[tin](#) - prepare (a metal) for soldering or brazing by applying a thin layer of solder to surface

[coat](#), [surface](#) - put a coat on; cover the surface of; furnish with a surface; "coat the wall with chocolate"

[tin](#) - plate with tin

[silver](#) - coat with a layer of silver or a silver amalgam; "silver the necklace"

[nickel](#) - plate with nickel; "nickel the plate"

[electroplate](#) - coat with metal by electrolysis; "electroplate the watch"

[chrome](#), [chromium-plate](#) - plate with chromium; "chrome bathroom fixtures"

[gold plate](#), [gold-plate](#), [goldplate](#) - plate with gold; "goldplate a watch"

[silver-plate](#), [silverplate](#) - plate with silver; "silverplate a watch"

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## plate

noun

- [platter](#), [dish](#), [dinner plate](#), [salver](#), [trencher](#) (*archaic*) *Scott piled his plate with food.*
- [helping](#), [course](#), [serving](#), [dish](#), [portion](#), [platter](#), [plateful](#) *a huge plate of bacon and eggs*
- [layer](#), [panel](#), [sheet](#), [slab](#) *The beam is strengthened by a steel plate 6 millimetres thick.*
- [plaque](#), [sign](#), [nameplate](#), door plate, [cartouche](#) *a brass plate on his office door*
- [illustration](#), [picture](#), [photograph](#), [print](#), [engraving](#), [lithograph](#) *The book has 55 colour illustrations.*

verb

[coat](#), [gild](#), [laminate](#), [face](#), [cover](#), [silver](#), [nickel](#), [overlay](#), [electroplate](#), [anodize](#), [platinize](#) : *steel balls plated with chrome or gold*

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## Translations

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### plate

*n* **plate** [pleit]

**1** a shallow dish for holding food etc *china plates*.

**2** a sheet of metal etc *The ship was built of steel plates*.

**3** articles made of, or plated with, usually gold or silver *a collection of gold plate*.

**4** a flat piece of metal inscribed with eg a name, for fixing to a door, or with a design etc, f in printing.

**5** an illustration in a book, usually on glossy paper *The book has ten full-colour plates*.

**6** (alsodontal plate) a piece of plastic that fits in the mouth with false teeth attached to it.

**7** a sheet of glass etc coated with a sensitive film, used in photography.

*adj* **plated**

covered with a thin layer of a different metal *gold-plated dishes*.

*n* **plateful**

the complete contents of a plate *a plateful of potatoes; two platefuls of chips*.

*n* **plating**

a thin covering of metal *silver-plating*.

**plate glass**

a kind of glass made in thick sheets for windows, mirrors etc.

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