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'plate *noun* \ˈplāt\

Definition of PLATE

- a** : a smooth flat thin piece of material

b (1) : forged, rolled, or cast metal in sheets usually thicker than 1/4 inch (6 millimeters) (2) : a very thin layer of metal deposited on a surface of base metal by [plating](#)

c : one of the broad metal pieces used in armor; *also* : armor of such [plates](#)

d (1) : a thin relatively flat anatomical part (as a lamina of bone) of an animal body; *especially* : [SCUTE](#) (2) : the thin under portion of the forequarter of beef; *especially* : the fatty back part — see [BEEF ILLUSTRATION](#)

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f : any of the large movable segments into which the earth's lithosphere is divided according to the theory of plate tectonics
- [Middle English; partly from Anglo-French *plate* plate, bullion; partly from Old Spanish *plata* silver, from Vulgar Latin **platta* metal plate, from feminine of *plattus* flat]

a *obsolete* : a silver coin

b : precious metal; *especially* : silver bullion
- [Middle English, from Anglo-French *plat*, *plate* dish, plate, from *plat* flat]

a : domestic hollowware made of or [plated](#) with gold, silver, or base metals

b : a shallow usually circular vessel from which food is eaten or served

c (1) : a quantity to fill a plate : [PLATEFUL](#) (2) : a main course served on a plate (3) : food and service supplied to one

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plate *transitive verb*

plat·ed **plat·ing**

Definition of PLATE

1 : to cover or equip with plate: as

a : to provide with armor plate

b : to cover with an adherent layer mechanically, chemically, or electrically; *also* : to deposit (as a layer) on a surface

2 : to make a printing surface from or for

3 : to fix or secure with a plate

4 : to cause (as a runner) to score in baseball

5 : to arrange (food) on a plate

First Known Use of PLATE

14th century

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