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battery noun

bat·tery | \ 'ba-t(ə-)rē \

plural **batteries**

Definition of *battery*

- 1 **a** : the act of beating someone or something with successive blows : the act of battering (see **BATTER** entry 1 sense 1)
- b** *law* : an offensive touching or use of force on a person without the person's consent
// evidence that supports a charge of battery
 — compare **ASSAULT** entry 1 sense 2a
- 2 [Middle French *batterie*, from *battre* to beat] *military*
 - a** : a grouping of artillery pieces for tactical (see **TACTICAL** sense 1a(1)) purposes
// a battery of cannon from the Revolutionary War
 - b** : the guns of a warship
// the starboard battery
- 3 *military* : an artillery (see **ARTILLERY** sense 2b) unit in the army equivalent to a company (see **COMPANY** entry 1 sense 2b)
- 4 **a** : a combination of apparatus for producing a single electrical effect

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furnish electric current

also : a single cell that furnishes electric current

// need to replace the flashlight's *batteries*

c **batteries** *plural* : level of energy or enthusiasm

// needs a vacation to recharge her *batteries*

5 **a** **(1)** : a number of similar articles, items, or devices arranged, connected, or used together : SET, SERIES

// ran through a *battery* of tests

// a *battery* of filing cabinets

(2) : a series of cages or compartments for raising or fattening poultry —often used before another noun

// *battery* chickens

// *battery* farming

b : a usually impressive or imposing group : ARRAY

// a *battery* of specialists

6 : the position of readiness of a gun for firing

// the gun would not return to *battery*

— *Infantry Journal*

7 *baseball* : the pitcher and catcher of a team

// one of the greatest *batteries* in baseball history

Synonyms

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Synonyms for *battery*

Synonyms

array, assemblage, band, bank, batch, block, bunch, clot, clump, cluster, clutch, collection, constellation, group, grouping, huddle, knot, lot, muster, package, parcel, passel, set, suite

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Examples of *battery* in a Sentence

// I bought new *batteries* for the flashlights.

// The operation was performed by a *battery* of doctors.

Recent Examples on the Web

// For comparison, a Tesla with an 85 kWh *battery* pack can top off at one of its Superchargers in about 75 minutes.

— Eric Adams, *Wired*, "A Rest Stop Where Flying Cars Can Recharge," 29 Mar. 2020

// Electric power is supplied by a 16.0-kWh *battery* pack comprised of 96 lithium-ion cells housed in the underfloor bins where the second-row seats normally stow.

— Tribune News Service, *cleveland*, "The Chrysler Pacifica minivan has much to admire (review)," 28 Mar. 2020

// Portable solar chargers have eliminated needing to lug heavy *battery* packs into the backcountry to keep your smartphone and other devices charged.

— *Outdoor Life*, "Four Wilderness-Ready Solar Chargers," 24 Mar. 2020

// That's why the NRG Go kiosks offering portable *battery* packs are like shining beacons of hope.

— Joey Guerra, *Houston Chronicle*, "Now that RodeoHouston is canceled, will I be charged a late fee for my portable battery pack?," 12 Mar. 2020

// Some even have external *battery* packs for extending the amount of time a unit can run before losing power.

— The Editors, *Field & Stream*, "Three Keys to Choosing Your Next Headlamp," 2 Mar. 2020

// Jenny Leigh Ennamorati, 25, and Stephanie Armstrong, 25, were each charged with two counts of violating constitutional rights with bodily injury and two counts of assault and *battery* charges, the district attorney said.

— Nicole Chavez, *CNN*, "Two women in Boston were charged after police say they attacked a mother and daughter for speaking Spanish," 28 Feb. 2020

// His bond was set at \$2,500. Because of the domestic *battery* charge, Hendershot will remain jailed 24 hours before being able to bond out.

— Jon Blau And Laura Lane, *Indianapolis Star*, "Indiana TE Peyton Hendershot arrested on multiple charges after incident with ex-girlfriend," 23 Feb. 2020

// Tools + problem-solving items such as a flashlight, *batteries*, sturdy gloves, a handheld crank radio, duct tape, matches, and a whistle.

— Elizabeth Buxton, *refinery29.com*, "These Emergency Kits Are Curated To Expect The Unexpected," 12 Mar. 2020

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First Known Use of *battery*

1531, in the meaning defined at sense 1a

History and Etymology for *battery*

Anglo-French *baterie*, from *batre* to beat, from Latin *battuere*

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- battery acid
- battery charger
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- dead battery
- flat battery
- recharge one's batteries

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More Definitions for *battery*

battery **noun**

English Language Learners Definition of *battery*

: a device that is placed inside a machine (such as a clock, toy, or car) to supply it with electricity

: a usually large group of similar people, things, or ideas that work together, are used together, etc.

: a group of two or more big guns used by the military

See the full definition for *battery* in the English Language Learners Dictionary

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plural **batteries**

Kids Definition of *battery*

- 1 : two or more big military guns that are controlled as a unit
 - 2 : an electric cell or connected electric cells for providing electric current
// a flashlight battery
 - 3 : a number of similar items or devices grouped together
// a battery of tests
 - 4 : an unlawful touching or use of force on a person against his or her will
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battery **noun**

bat·tery | \ 'bat-ə-rē, 'ba-trē \

plural **batteries**

Medical Definition of *battery*

- 1 **a** : a combination of apparatus for producing a single electrical effect
b : a group of two or more cells connected together to furnish electric current
also : a single cell that furnishes electric current
- 2 : a group or series of tests
especially : a group of intelligence or personality tests given to a subject as an aid in psychological analysis

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battery **noun**

bat·tery | \ 'ba-tə-rē, -trē \

Legal Definition of *battery*

: the crime or tort of intentionally or recklessly causing offensive physical contact or bodily harm (as by striking or by administering a poison or drug) that is not consented to by the victim

— compare [ASSAULT](#)

— **aggravated battery**

: criminal battery that is accompanied by aggravating factors: as

a : criminal battery that causes or is intended to cause serious bodily injury especially through the use of a dangerous weapon

b : criminal battery committed on a protected person (as a minor or a police officer)
— compare simple battery in this entry

NOTE: Aggravated battery is usually classified as a felony.

— **sexual battery**

: intentional and offensive sexual contact and especially sexual intercourse with a person who has not given or (as in the case of a child) is incapable of giving consent

broadly

: forced or coerced contact with the sexual parts of either the victim or the perpetrator

— see also [RAPE](#)

NOTE: This is a broad definition of the offense. The specific elements of this crime vary from state to state, and some states use more narrow definitions.

— **simple battery**

: criminal battery that is not accompanied by aggravating factors (as a dangerous weapon)

— compare aggravated battery in this entry

NOTE: Simple battery is usually classified as a misdemeanor.

History and Etymology for *battery*

Old French *batterie* beating, from *battre* to beat, from Latin *battuere*

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