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Definition of MATE

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Origin of MATE

Middle English, from Anglo-French *mater*, from *mat*, noun, checkmate, ultimately from Arabic *māt* (in *shāh māt*)
First Known Use: 14th century

Rhymes with MATE

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²mate *noun*

Definition of MATE

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First Known Use of MATE

14th century

³mate *noun*

Definition of MATE

1 a (1) : ASSOCIATE, COMPANION (2) *chiefly British* : an assistant to a more skilled worker : HELPER (3) *chiefly British* : FRIEND, BUDDY —often used as a familiar form of address



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b *archaic* : MATCH, PEER

2 : a deck officer on a merchant ship ranking below the captain

3 : one of a pair: as

a : either member of a couple and especially a married couple

b : either member of a breeding pair of animals

c : either of two matched objects

Origin of MATE

Middle English, probably from Middle Low German *māt*; akin to Old English *gemetta* guest at one's table, *mete* food — more at MEAT

First Known Use: 14th century

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⁴**mate** *verb*

mat·ed **mat·ing**

Definition of MATE

transitive verb

1 *archaic* : EQUAL, MATCH

2 : to join or fit together : COUPLE

3 a : to join together as **mates**

b : to provide a mate for

intransitive verb

1 : to become **mated** <gears that *mate* well>

2 : COPULATE

First Known Use of MATE

1509

ma·té *noun* \mä-ˈtā\

Definition of MATÉ

1 : a tealike beverage drunk especially in South America

2 : a South American shrub or tree (*Ilex paraguariensis*) of the holly family whose leaves and shoots are used in making maté; *also* : these leaves and shoots

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Variants of MATÉ

ma·té or **ma·te**

Origin of MATÉ

French & American Spanish; French *maté*, from American Spanish *mate* maté, vessel for drinking it, from Quechua *mati* vessel

First Known Use: 1758



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Rhymes with MATÉ

abbé, affray, agley, airplay, airway, aisleway, all-day, allay, allée, Angers, Anhui, archway, array, ashtray, assay, astray, Augier, away, aweigh, backstay, ballet, base pay, bat ray, beignet, belay, beltway, benday, beret, betray, bewray, bidet, bikeway, birthday, Biscay, Bizet, blasé, bobstay, Bombay, Bossuet, bouchée, bouclé, boule, bouquet, Bourget, bourrée, breezeway, Bouvet, Broadway, buffet, byplay, byway, cachet, café, cahier, Cambay, Cathay, causeway, chaîné, chalet, chambray, chassé, child's play, ciré, cliché, congé, convey, co-pay, Corday, corvée, coudé, coupé, crawlway, crochet, croquet, crossway, cube, curé, cy pres, DA, daresay, D-day, death ray, decay, deejay, defray, delay, dengue, dismay, display, distrait, DJ, donnée, doomsday, doorway, dossier, downplay, dragée, driveway, duvet, Earl Grey, embay, épée, essay, estray, Ewe, fair play, fairway, Feuillet, field day, filé, filet, fillet, fireclay, fishway, flambé, flight pay, floodway, flyway, folkway, footway, foray, force play, forebay, foreplay, forestay, formée, forte, fouetté, foul play, Fouquet, four-way, fourchée, foyer, français, frappé, freeway, Friday, frieze, fumet, gainsay, Galway, gamay, gangway, gateway, gelée, give way, glacé, godet, gourmet, Green Bay, greenway, guideway, gunplay, hair spray, halfway, hallway, Hannay, harm's way, hatchway, headway, hearsay, Hebei, Hefei, heyday, highway, hold sway, homestay, hooray, horseplay, Hubei, in play, in re, inlay, inveigh, Islay, issei, jackstay, James Bay, jennet, jeté, Jetway, Jolliet, keyway, Kobe, koine, kouprey, lamé, laneway, lay day, leeway, lifeway, Lomé, Lord's day, lwei, lycée, M-day, maguey, mainstay, make hay, Malay, malgré, man-day, Mande, Manet, manqué, margay, massé, match play, May Day, Medway, melee, meze, midday, midway, Midway, Millay, Millet, mislay, misplay, moiré, Monday, Monet, Mornay, name day, Niamey, nisei, noonday, Norway, nosegay, obey, OK, olé, ombré, one-way, osprey, Otway, outlay, outré, outstay, outweigh, oyez, PA, parfait, parkway, parlay, parquet, partway, passé, pâté, pathway, pavé, payday, pearl gray, per se, pince-nez, pipe clay, piqué, piquet, pith ray, PK, plié, plissé, pommée, Pompeii, portray, prepay, projet, pulque, puree, purvey, quale, Quesnay, raceway, Rahway, railway, rappee, red bay, relay, repay, replay, risqué, roadway, Roget, role-play, ropeway, rosé, rosebay, Roubaix, roué, routeway, runway, sachet, saint's day, Salé, sansei, sashay, sauté, screenplay, scrub jay, seaway, Shark Bay, shar-pei, shipway, short-day, sick bay, sick day, sick pay, sideway, skyway, slideway, slipway, sluiceway, soigné, soiree, someday, someway, soothsay, soufflé, speedway, spillway, squeeze play, stairway, sternway, stingray, straightway, strathspey, stroke play, subway, Sunday, survey, sweet bay, swordplay, tea tray, tempeh, thoughtway, thruway, Thursday, tideway, today, Tokay, tollway, Torbay, touché, toupee, trackway, tramway, Tuesday, Twelfth Day, two-way, unlay, unsay, valet, V-day, veejay, vide, visé, Vouvray, walkway, waylay, Wednesday, weekday, white way, windway, wood ray, wordplay, workday

mate *verb* (Medical Dictionary)**mated** **mat-ing****Medical Definition of MATE***transitive verb*

: to pair or join for breeding