

Meaning of **message** in English

message

noun [C]

UK /'mes.ɪdʒ/ US /'mes.ɪdʒ/

message noun [C] (INFORMATION)

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A1

a short piece of information in written, spoken, or electronic form that you send to someone or leave for them when you cannot speak to them directly:

- **leave a message** *If I'm not there when you call, leave a message.*
- **get a message** *Be very careful if you get a message asking you to update your credit card details.*
- [+ that] *I got a message **that** she'll be late.*

Synonyms

[communication](#) formal[dispatch](#)[epistle](#) formal[missive](#)

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a signal sent through the body by nerves and received by the brain:

- *Motor nerves carry messages from the brain to contract different muscles used in movement.*

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- *The medicine makes the nerves unable to send pain messages to your brain.*

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- *She wasn't in so I left a message on her answerphone.*
- *Can you give Jo a message for me? Tell her I've booked a tennis court for 6.30.*
- *When I got home, I found a mysterious message sellotaped to the front door.*
- *The president has sent a message of sympathy to the relatives of the dead soldiers.*
- *The message on the card said 'Be my Valentine'.*

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message *noun* [C] (IDEA)



B2

the most important idea in a book, film, or play, or an idea that you want to tell people about:

- *The movie's message is that rich and poor are alike.*
- **send a message** *We need to send a clear message that the release of pollution into our rivers will not be tolerated.*
- **drive a message home** *They are keen to drive the message home that breaches of rules will be punished.*
- **mixed message** *We're getting mixed messages (= opposite ideas and information) about the health risks from sunlight.*

► get the message informal



to understand what someone is trying to tell you, even if that person is not expressing themselves directly:

- *I never answer his calls, so you'd think he'd get the message.*

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lighten the mood

to make someone become happier or less worried, or to become happier or less worried

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▶ **get the message across****to make someone understand:**

- *We need to get the message across that too much*

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verb [T]

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**to send someone a short message using a mobile phone or computer:**

- *I messaged him yesterday but haven't had a reply.*

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a short piece of written or spoken information that is given or sent to someone:

- *If I'm not there when you phone, leave a message.*
- *She's not here – can I take a message?*

message **noun** [C] (IDEA)

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the main idea that an artist, writer, speaker, or group is trying to communicate:

- *The message of the movie seems to be that only the most ruthless people can get ahead in politics.*

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COMMUNICATIONS

a short piece of information that you give or send to a person when you cannot speak to them directly:

- **message from sb for sb** *There was a message for you from the catering company.*
- **message that** *I got your message that the meeting was postponed.*
- **leave a message** *If I'm not there when you phone, leave a message on my voicemail.*
- **take a message** *She's not here now; can I take a message?*
- **send sb a message** *He sent me several messages about the problem.*

- *I had a message in my inbox.*



IT

a piece of information that appears on a computer screen:

- *I kept getting a message saying "Disable cookies".*



MARKETING

the main idea in an advertisement, speech, etc., or something that you want to tell people:

- *The ad's **main message** should be that our products are safe to use.*
- **send a message** *Ridding the organization of poor performers also sends a strong message of low tolerance for poor results.*



US

an advertisement on television or radio:

- *We'll be back right after these messages.*

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message

verb [T]

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COMMUNICATIONS

to send someone a message using electronic equipment:

- *Not many people use the facility of viewing streaming video of the person they are messaging.*

See also

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EXAMPLES of message

message

An image projected onto the retina is sampled by many different ganglion cells which transfer separate messages to the visual centers of the brain.

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When we do, we encounter, not two straightforward discoveries to be "read off" from these accounts, but two ambivalent messages to be puzzled over.

From the [Cambridge English Corpus](#)



He then infuses this scientific model with religious and moral messages.

From the [Cambridge English Corpus](#)



However, it is apparent that both had clear ideas of the messages which they wanted the cultural infrastructure to communicate.

From the [Cambridge English Corpus](#)



Possible principles underlying the transformation of sensory messages.

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The entropy of the source defines the amount of the typical messages.

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Speakers demonstrate skill by tailoring their messages specifically enough, whereas listeners act on their

awareness of ambiguous messages by requesting clarifying information.

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The opening up of a media marketplace is likely to increase the influence of media messages on public opinion.

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There are, however, more ambivalent messages regarding the social isolation of tenants who are very frail, or for those with severe cognitive disorders.

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In addition to the usual communication within an ambient, messages may be exchanged across ambient boundaries.

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Otherwise, our knowledge will continue to have little or no control over the process of communicating mainstream messages about either reconstructed or fictional ancient pasts.

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One has to be familiar with how to send text messages and be quick with the fingertips on the keyboard.

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All messages for the communication server on the laptop will then be automatically re-routed to the proxy server when the laptop is disconnected.

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By using the one-to-many approach described above we reduce the number of messages exchanged.

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A sender can subsequently attach a copy of its digital certificate, which has been issued by a trusted third party, to any of its messages.

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COLLOCATIONS with message

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audio message

- A coughing sound heard on the audio message left by the perpetrator increased suspicions that the bomber had other accomplices.

From [Wikipedia](#)**coded message**

- In fact, it is a coded message to the community whom that elected representative represents.

From the [Hansard archive](#)**conflicting message**

- That surely is a totally conflicting message coming out of the same guidelines.

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in Chinese (Simplified)

信息, 消息, 口信...

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in Spanish

mensaje, mensaje
[masculine, singular]...[See more](#)

in Portuguese

mensagem, recado,
mensagem [feminine]...[See more](#)

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