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backing

noun

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1
: something forming a back
a tape with adhesive backing

2
a
: [support](#), [aid](#)
financial backing
... sectarian or ethnic warlords battling for territory, with the backing of sponsors from neighboring countries.—[Aparisim Ghosh](#)

b
: the music that is played along with someone who is singing or playing the main tune : the music that accompanies the lead musician
... she plans to record the songs with the backing of an orchestra.—[Cortney Harding](#)

c
: endorsement especially of a warrant by a magistrate



Synonyms

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noun

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1

: something forming a back

2

a

: [support entry 2](#), [aid](#)

b

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Medical Definition

backing

noun

back·ing ['bak-in](#)

: the metal portion of a dental crown, bridge, or similar structure to which a porcelain or plastic tooth facing is attached

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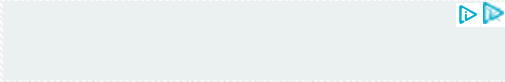


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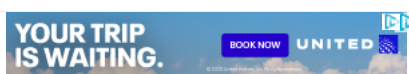
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plate

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noun

ˈplāt 

[Synonyms of plate](#) >

1

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 (such 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](#)

e

: [home plate](#)

f

: any of the large movable segments into which the earth's lithosphere is divided according to the theory of plate tectonics

2

[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

3

[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 person

a dinner at \$10 a plate

d(1)

: a prize given to the winner in a contest

(2)

British : a horse race in which the contestants compete for a prize of fixed value rather than stakes

e

: a dish or pouch passed during collections

f

: a flat glass or plastic dish used chiefly for culturing microorganisms

4

a

: a prepared surface from which printing is done

b

: a sheet of material (such as glass or plastic) coated with a light-sensitive photographic emulsion

c

: a metallic grid with its interstices filled with active material that forms one of the structural units of a battery

d

: [license plate](#)

5

: a horizontal structural member that provides bearing and anchorage especially for the trusses of a roof or the rafters

6

: the part of a denture that fits to the mouth

broadly : [denture](#)

7

: a full-page illustration often on different paper from the text pages

8

: a schedule of matters to deal with

have a lot on my plate now

platelike

ˈplāt-lik 

adjective

plate

2 of 2

verb

plated; plating

transitive verb

1

: to cover or equip with plate: such as

a

: to provide with armor plate

b

: to cover with an adherent layer mechanically, chemically, or electrically

also : to deposit (something, such 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 (a runner) to score in baseball

5

: to arrange (food) on a plate or dish

Phrases

on a plate

: without having been earned : as a gift

goals were handed to them *on a plate*

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Noun

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: a flat thin piece of material

b

: metal in sheets

steel *plate*

c

: a thin layer of one metal deposited on another

2

a

: one of the broad metal pieces used in armor

b

: armor made of plates

3

: a usually flat bony or horny bodily part forming part of a covering of an animal (as some fishes or reptiles)

4

: [home plate](#)

5

: any of the huge movable segments into which the earth's lithosphere is divided and which are held to float on and travel over the mantle

6

a

: precious metal

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b

: vessels (as bowls or cups) used in the home and made of or plated with precious metal (as silver)

7

a

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

b

: a main food course served on a plate

a *plate* of spaghetti

c

: food and service for one person

a dinner at \$10 a *plate*

d

: a dish or pouch used in taking a collection (as in a church)

8

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b

: a sheet of material (as plastic or glass) coated with a chemical sensitive to light for use in a camera

9

: [license plate](#)

10

: the part of a denture that holds the false teeth and fits to the mouth

also : a set of false teeth

11

: a full-page illustration

an art book with color *plates*

platelike

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adjective

plate

2 of 2 verb

plated; plating

: to cover or equip with plate

plate the teapot with silver

Medical Definition

plate

1 of 2 noun

ˈplāt ˈplāt

1

: a thin relatively flat piece or lamina (as of bone) that is part of the body

2

a

: a flat glass dish used chiefly for culturing microorganisms

especially : [petri dish](#)

b

: a culture or culture medium contained in such a dish

3

: a supporting or reinforcing element: as

a

: the part of a denture that fits in the mouth

broadly : [denture](#)

b

: a thin flat narrow piece of metal (as stainless steel) that is used to repair a bone defect or fracture

plate

2 of 2 transitive verb

plated; plating

1

: to inoculate and culture (microorganisms or cells) on a plate

also : to distribute (an inoculum) on a plate or plates for cultivation

2

: to repair (as a fractured bone) with metal plates

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