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Definition of *plate*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1a : 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

4a : 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 on a plate

: without having been earned : as a gift goals were handed to them *on a plate*

plate

[verb](#)

plated; plating

Definition of *plate* (Entry 2 of 2)

[transitive verb](#)

l : 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

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14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

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14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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Noun

Middle English, from Anglo-French, from *plate*, feminine of *plat* flat, from Vulgar Latin **plattus*, probably from Greek *platys* broad, flat — more at [place](#)

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English Language Learners Definition of *plate*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: a flat and usually round dish that is used for eating or serving food

: the food that is served on a plate

: a thin, flat piece of metal

plate

[verb](#)

English Language Learners Definition of *plate* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to add a layer of metal to the outside of (something)

baseball : to cause (a run or a runner) to score

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Kids Definition of *plate*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : a shallow usually round dish
- 2 : a main course of a meal I ate a *plate* of spaghetti.
- 3 : a thin flat piece of material steel *plate*
- 4 : [home plate](#)
- 5 : a piece of metal on which something is engraved or molded a license *plate*
- 6 : an illustration often covering a full page of a book
- 7 : a sheet of glass coated with a chemical sensitive to light for use in a camera

plate

[verb](#)

plated; plating

Kids Definition of *plate* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to cover with a thin layer of metal (as gold or silver)

plate

[noun](#)

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Medical Definition of *plate*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : a thin relatively flat piece or lamina (as of bone) that is part of the body
- 2a : 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

[transitive verb](#)

plated; plating

Medical Definition of *plate* (Entry 2 of 2)

- 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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Meaning of plate in English:

plate



NOUN

- 1 A flat dish, typically circular and made of china, from which food is eaten or served.

'he pushed his empty plate to one side and sipped his wine'

'a dinner plate'

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- 1.1 An amount of food on a plate.

'a plate of spaghetti'

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- 1.2 *North American* A main course of a meal, served on one plate.

'he recommended the roast beef plate'

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- 1.3 *Australian, New Zealand* A plate of food contributed by a guest to a social gathering.

'he was invited to a party and asked to bring a plate'

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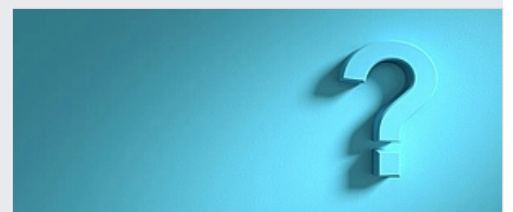
- 1.4 A flat dish, typically made of metal or wood, passed round a church congregation in order to collect donations of money.

jiggle 

VERB



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- 1.5 **Biology** A shallow glass dish on which a culture of cells or microorganisms may be grown.

'a tissue culture plate'

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- 2 **[mass noun]** Dishes, bowls, cups, and other utensils made of gold, silver, or other metal.
'an exhibition of the plate belonging to the college'

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- 2.1 **[count noun]** A silver or gold dish or trophy awarded as a prize in a race or competition.

'she lifted the plate in victory'

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- 2.2 **[in names]** A race or competition in which a silver or gold dish or trophy is awarded.

'the final of the Ladies' Plate at Henley'

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- 3 A thin, flat sheet or strip of metal or other material, typically one used to join or strengthen things or forming part of a machine.
'he underwent surgery to have a steel plate put into his leg'

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- 3.1 A small, flat piece of metal or other material bearing a name or inscription and attached to a door or other object.

'a discreet brass plate announced William Marsden, RA'

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- 3.2 short for **number plate**

'the car had German plates'

short for **number plate**

a pinafore

a wild or unbroken horse

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short for **home plate**

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- 3.4** A horizontal timber laid along the top of a wall to support the ends of joists or rafters.

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- 3.5** A light horseshoe for a racehorse.

'The practice of nailing iron plates or rim-shoes to the hoof does not appear to have been introduced earlier than the 2nd century B.C.'

'99% of forelimb horseshoes were aluminum racing plates, 35% had a pad, 23% had a rim, and 8% had a heel.'

4 *Botany Zoology*

A thin, flat organic structure or formation.

'the fused bony plates protect the tortoise's soft parts'

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5 *Geology*

Each of the several rigid pieces of the earth's lithosphere which together make up the earth's surface.

'the Pacific Ocean plate'

See also **plate tectonics**.

+ More example sentences

- 6** A sheet of metal, plastic, or other material bearing an image of type or illustrations from which multiple copies are printed.

'the correct alignment of the plates in four-colour printing'

+ More example sentences

- 6.1** A printed photograph, picture, or illustration, especially one on superior-quality paper in a book.

'the book contains sixty colour plates'

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film on which an image is formed, used in larger or older types of camera.

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- 7 A thin piece of plastic moulded to the shape of a person's mouth and gums, to which artificial teeth or another orthodontic appliance are attached.

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- 7.1 *informal* A complete denture or orthodontic appliance.

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- 8 A thin piece of metal that acts as an electrode in a capacitor, battery, or cell.

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- 8.1 *North American* The anode of a thermionic valve.

'The result is a flow of electrons from filament to plate.'

'Since the flow of electrons from filament to anode or plate can be varied by applying potential variations to the grid, the circuit in which this tube is used consists of two branches.'

VERB

[WITH OBJECT]

- 1 Cover (a metal object) with a thin coating of a different metal.

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- 1.1 Cover (an object) with plates of metal for decoration, protection, or strength.

'the ship is plated in the bows with steel eighteen millimetres thick'

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+ Synonyms

- 2 Serve or arrange (food) on a plate or plates.

'overcooked vegetables won't look appetizing, no matter how they are plated'



3 *Baseball*

Score or cause to score (a run or runs)

'Matt Wignot plated two of Clarkson's runs'

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4 *Biology*

Inoculate (cells or infective material) on to a culture plate, especially with the object of isolating a particular strain of microorganisms or estimating viable cell numbers.

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**Phrases
on a plate**

informal

Used to indicate that something has been achieved with little or no effort.

'I didn't have all this handed to me on a plate'

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on one's plate

British

Occupying one's time or energy.

'you've got a lot on your plate at the moment'

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plates of meat

rhyming slang

A person's feet.

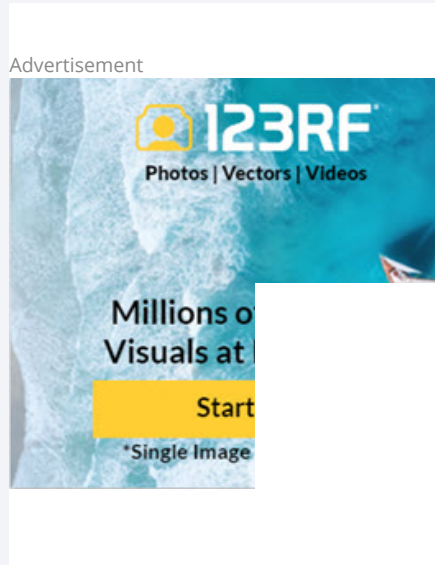
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Origin

Middle English (denoting a flat, thin sheet, usually of metal): from Old French, from medieval Latin *plata* 'plate armour', based on Greek *platus* 'flat'. [plate](#) (sense 1 of the noun) represents Old French *plat* 'platter, large dish', also 'dish of meat', noun use of Old French *plat* 'flat'.

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