

match

I

1. [mætʃ] *n*

1. спичка

safety match - обыкновенная спичка

paraffin match - парафиновая спичка

to strike /to light/ a match - зажечь спичку

have you got a match? - у вас есть спички /огонёк/?, не дадите ли прикурить?

to put /to set/ a match to smth. - зажечь что-л., поджечь что-л.

2. *воен.* запальный фитиль; огнепровод2. [mætʃ] *v*окуривать (*в виноделии*)

II

1. [mætʃ] *n*

1. 1) человек, подходящий под пару; ровня; пара

he's no match for her - он ей не пара

they are a good match - они подходят друг другу

2) равный по силам противник; соперник

to be [to prove oneself] a [more than a] match for smb. - быть [оказаться] достойным [более сильным *или* искусным] противником кого-л.

he has no match - ему нет равного

he's a match for anybody - он с кем угодно справится

you are no match for him - ты с ним не справишься; нечего тебе с ним тягаться

to find [to meet] one's match - найти [встретить] достойного противника /соперника/

he has met his match - он встретил равного себе противника; \cong нашла коса на камень3) вещь, подходящая под пару (*по виду, форме, цвету и т. п.*)

a perfect match of colours - отлично /прекрасно/ подобранные цвета; прекрасное сочетание цветов

to be a good [bad] match - [не] подходить, [не] сочетаться, [не] гармонировать

two pictures which are a match - парные картины

I am looking for a match for these curtains - я ищу что-нибудь подходящее к этим занавесам

I can't find a match for this glove - я не могу подобрать пару к этой перчатке

her purse and shoes were a good match - её сумка и туфли подходили друг к другу /гармонировали друг с другом/

the horses are a good match - эти лошади хорошо подобраны

2. матч, состязание, соревнование

football [tennis] match - футбольный [теннисный] матч

wrestling [boxing] match - соревнование по борьбе [боксу]

chess match - шахматный турнир

international match - международная встреча

a singles match - одиночная игра (*теннис*)a doubles match - парная игра (*теннис*)

to play a match against the French team - выступать в соревнованиях против французской команды, играть матч с французской командой

to win the match - выиграть состязание /встречу/

we lost all our away [home] matches - мы проиграли все игры /матчи/ на чужом [своём] поле

the match was drawn - игра кончилась вничью

3. 1) брак

to make a match - а) жениться; выйти замуж; вступить в брак; they decided to make a match of it - они решили пожениться;

she made a good match - она хорошо вышла замуж; она сделала хорошую партию; б) сосватать, поженить, устроить брак;

[см. *тж.* 4, 2)]by match - *уст.* в результате женитьбы

2) партия

he [she] is a good match - он [она] хорошая партия

4. *уст.*

1) сговор

2) пари

to make a match - держать пари, биться об заклад [см. *тж.* 3, 1)]

(it is) a match! - идёт!, по рукам!

2. [mætʃ] *v*1. (*тж.* match up)

1) подходить под пару, под статью; соответствовать

to match well - точно соответствовать; гармонировать

his looks match his character - его внешность /облик/ соответствует его характеру

the carpets and wall-paper match well - ковры и обои хорошо гармонируют

these colours don't match - эти цвета плохо сочетаются /не гармонируют/

a brown dress with hat and gloves to match - коричневое платье с подобранными к нему (в тон) шляпкой и перчатками

the weather didn't match (up) to our hopes - погода не оправдала наших надежд

the poet's power lies in matching a mood - талант поэта заключается в умении выразить настроение

2) подбирать под пару, под статью; сочетать

to match colours - подбирать цвета

I want smth. to match this cloth - мне нужно что-л. подходящее к этому материалу

can you match this button? - можете ли вы подобрать такую же пуговицу?

the contestants were well matched - участники соревнования /состязания/ были удачно подобраны

3) согласовывать, приводить в соответствие

we try to match the jobs with the applicants - мы стараемся подобрать подходящую работу тем, кто подал заявление

4) *тех.* подгонять, пригонять, выравнивать

2. 1) противостоять; состязаться; быть равным по силе, ловкости *и т. п.*

no one can match him in archery [in knowledge] - никто не может состязаться /соперничать/ с ним в стрельбе из лука [в знаниях]

no one can match him for speed - никто не может сравниться с ним в скорости

2) противопоставлять

to match smb. against smb. - противопоставлять кому-л. кому-л.

to match strength with /against/ smb. - помериться с кем-л. силами

she matched her wits against his strength - его силе она противопоставила свою хитрость

no one was willing to match themselves against him - никто не хотел вступать с ним в единоборство

he matched his dog against his neighbours' in a race - он выставил своего пса против соседского на собачьих бегах

3. 1) женить; выдавать замуж; (со)сватать

2) *уст.* жениться; выйти замуж

4. подбрасывать монету (для решения спора *и т. п.*); играть в орлянку

5. *стр.* шпунтовать

6. *редк.* спаривать, случать

match

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

match [match matches matched matching] noun, verb BrE [ˈmætʃ] ¹ NAmE

[ˈmætʃ]

noun

FOR LIGHTING FIRES

1. **countable** a small stick made of wood or cardboard that is used for lighting a fire, cigarette, etc

- a box of matches
- to **strike a match** (= to make it burn)
- to **put a match to sth** (= set fire to sth)
- If you suspect a gas leak do not strike a match or use electricity.
- He took all her letters into the yard and put a match to them.

IN SPORT

2. **countable** (especially BrE) a sports event where people or teams compete against each other: (BrE) a football match

- (NAmE, BrE) a tennis match
- They are playing an important match against Liverpool on Saturday.
- to **win/lose a match**

see also ↑shooting match, ↑slanging match, ↑Test match

AN EQUAL

3. **singular a ~ for sb | sb's match** a person who is equal to sb else in strength, skill, intelligence, etc

- I was **no match for** him at tennis.
- I was his match at tennis.

SB/STH THAT COMBINES WELL

4. **singular** a person or thing that combines well with sb/sth else

- The curtains and carpet are a **good match**.
- Jo and Ian are a **perfect match** for each other.

STH THE SAME

5. **countable** a thing that looks exactly the same as or very similar to sth else

- I've found a vase that is an exact match of the one I broke.
- This paint is a close enough colour match to the original.

MARRIAGE

6. **countable** (old-fashioned) a marriage or a marriage partner

- He was determined that his daughter should make a good match (= find a suitable husband).

see also ↑love match

more at the man of the match **at** ↑man _{n.}

Word Origin:

n. senses 2 to 6 and **v.** Old English gemæcca 'mate, companion' West Germanic ↑make

n. sense 1 late Middle English 'wick of a candle' Old French meche Latin myxa 'spout of a lamp' 'lamp wick'

Thesaurus:

match noun C (especially BrE)

• I'll watch the match on TV.

game • |BrE **fixture** • • **tie** • • **test (match)** •

a match/game/fixture/tie/test **against/between /with** sb

a/an **international /friendly** match/game/fixture

win/lose a match/game/fixture/test/tie

Match or game ? Game has a wider range of uses than **match**. In British English **match** is used to talk about individual or team sports. In American English **match** is used for individual sports, but **game** is used for team sports:

- (BrE) a football match
- (BrE, AmE) a tennis match
- a football game
- a game of football

✗ a match of football

Example Bank:

- Figo had an outstanding match.
- Freddie and Kate are a perfect match.
- He almost made it to the final match.
- He lit a match so they could see in the cave.
- He's such a keen fan, he even goes to all the away matches.
- I think he's finally met his match in Lisa.
- Lubov fought back to tie the match.
- Our job is to find the right match for our clients.
- She has a rare blood type, and finding a match could take years.
- She was injured in last week's match.
- Some fans travel miles to go to away matches.
- Someone had put a match to the pile of papers.
- That jumper should be a good match for your trousers.
- The blouse and skirt are a perfect match.
- The match will be played in the new stadium.
- The team had an excellent match.
- The two of them then got into a shouting match.
- They lost their match with Estonia.
- They managed to level the match, then went 2–1 ahead.
- This fabric makes a good match for the wallpaper.
- To forge the certificate, she needed an exact match for the paper and the fonts.
- We were just having a little verbal sparring match.
- You need to feel confident that the candidate is the right match.
- a grudge match between two of the best teams in the league
- an excellent match between our goals and what your company offers
- an incident which took place during Saturday's match
- the match against Wales
- the match between Japan and Brazil
- After the match, he refused to comment on the incident.
- He played more than 40 matches for England.
- I'll probably watch the match on TV.
- I've found a vase that is an exact match of the one I broke.
- She knew she had met her match and tried to retreat.
- The curtains and carpet are a good match.
- The paint is a close enough colour match to the original.
- They're playing an important match against Chelsea on Saturday.
- This will be his first competitive match in charge of the team.
- We should be a match for most teams.

Idiom: ↑find your match

Derived ↑match somebody with somebody ▪ ↑match something against something ▪ ↑match something up ▪ ↑match up

verb

COMBINE WELL

1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) if two things match, or if one thing matches another, they have the same colour, pattern, or style and therefore look attractive together

- The doors were painted blue to match the walls.
- a scarf with gloves **to match**
- None of these glasses match (= they are all different) .

see also ↑matching

BE THE SAME

2. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) if two things match or if one thing matches another, they are the same or very similar

- Her fingerprints match those found at the scene of the crime.
- As a couple they are not very well matched (= they are not very suitable for each other) .

- The dark clouds matched her mood.
- The two sets of figures don't match.

FIND STH SIMILAR/CONNECTED

- 3. transitive ~ sb/sth (to/with sb/sth)** to find sb/sth that goes together with or is connected with another person or thing
- The aim of the competition is to match the quote to the person who said it.

BE EQUAL/BETTER

- 4. transitive ~ sb/sth** to be as good, interesting, successful, etc. as sb/sth else

Syn: †equal

- The profits made in the first year have never been matched.
- Her anger was only matched by her frustration.
- The teams were **evenly matched**.

- 5. transitive ~ sth** to make sth the same or better than sth else

- The company was unable to match his current salary.
- They have reduced all their stock by 10% to match competitors' prices.

PROVIDE STH SUITABLE

- 6. transitive ~ sth** to providesth that is suitable for or enough for a particular situation

- Investment in hospitals is needed now to match the future needs of the country.

see mix and match at †mix v.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	match
	BrE /mætʃ/
	NAme /mætʃ/
he / she /it	matches
	BrE /mætʃɪz/
	NAme /mætʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	matched
	BrE /mætʃt/
	NAme /mætʃt/
-ing form	matching
	BrE /mætʃɪŋ/
	NAme /mætʃɪŋ/

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match verb

1. T, I

- a blue scarf with gloves to match

mix • • **blend** • |especially spoken **go** • |formal **coordinate** •
sth matches/goes with/coordinates with the **curtains/decor**
match/coordinate **colours**

colours match/blend/go with each other/coordinate

2. I, T (not used in the progressive tenses)

- The two sets of figures don't match.

correspond • • **agree** • • **tie in** • • **fit** • |formal **correlate** • • **coincide** •

A corresponds/agrees/ties in/correlate/coincides **with** B

A and B match/correspond/agree/correlate/coincide

figures match/correspond/agree/correlate/coincide

sb's **account/version** matches/corresponds/agrees/correlates/coincides with sb else's

3. T

- Can you match the quote to the person who said it?

relate • • **connect** • • **associate** • |especially journalism **link** •

match/relate/connect/link sth **to** sth

match/connect/associate/link sth **with** sth

match/relate/connect/associate/link (sth) **directly**

Example Bank:

- As a couple they are not very well matched.
- Children can be made to suffer when they fail to match their parents' expectations.
- He chose wine that closely matched each dish.
- Her lovers rarely match her wit and intelligence.
- I bought a duvet cover and some curtains to match.
- No other rock band comes even close to matching their talent.
- No other rock band comes even close to matching them for dynamism or style.
- Nothing quite matches the fine, subtle flavour of this cheese.

- She found that his determination almost matched her own.
- The agency tries to match single people with suitable partners.
- The aim of the competition is to match the quote to the person who said it.
- The available organs are carefully matched to people in need of transplants.
- The control group in the experiment was matched for age and sex.
- The music perfectly matches the tone of the movie.
- The room was full of old furniture that didn't quite match.
- The teams were very evenly matched.
- They found a paint that exactly matched the existing paint on the walls.
- We have to match up the right pet with the right owner.
- He has now proved he can match anyone at the highest level of the sport.
- His anger was matched only by her frustration.
- I've got her a scarf with gloves to match.
- None of these glasses match.
- The company can't match the performance of its American rivals.
- The firm was unable to match the salaries offered by their rivals.
- The two firms are quite closely matched in terms of size and profitability.
- The two sets of figures don't match.
- They have reduced their stock by 10%, to match competitors' prices.

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I. **match**¹ **S2 W2** /mætʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Word Family: adjective: ↑*matching*, ↑*unmatched*; verb: ↑*match*; noun: ↑*match*]

[Sense 1, 3-7: Language: Old English; Origin: mæcca]

[Sense 2: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: meiche 'wick']

1. **GAME** [countable] *especially British English* an organized sports event between two teams or people:

It's our last match of the season.

cricket/football/tennis etc match

They're preparing for a big (=important) match tomorrow.

match against/between/with

the match between Nigeria and Ireland

home/away match (=a match played at a team's own sports ground, or at a different ground)

Good teams win their home matches.

McClaire's goal earned him the title of man of the match (=the person in a team who plays best).

2. **FIRE** [countable] a small wooden or paper stick with a special substance at the top, that you use to light a fire, cigarette etc:

a box of matches

Don't let your children play with matches.

strike/light a match (=rub a match against a surface to produce a flame)

Peg struck a match and lit the candle.

I tore up the letter and put a match to it (=made it burn, using a match).

3. **COLOURS/PATTERNS** [singular] something that is the same colour or pattern as something else, or looks attractive with it

match for

That shirt's a perfect match for your blue skirt.

4. **GOOD OPPONENT** [singular] someone who is much stronger, cleverer etc than their opponent:

Carlos was no match for the champion.

This time you've met your match, Adam Burns! I'm not giving up without a fight!

Guerrilla tactics proved more than a match for the Soviet military machine.

5. **shouting match** (also **slanging match** *British English*) a loud angry argument in which two people insult each other:

The meeting degenerated into a shouting match.

6. **MARRIAGE** [singular] a marriage or two people who are married:

They're a perfect match.

a match made in heaven (=a marriage of two people who are exactly right for each other)

Claire made a good match (=married someone suitable).

7. **SUITABILITY** [singular] a situation in which something is suitable for something else, so that the two things work together successfully

match between

We need to establish a match between students' needs and teaching methods.

⇒ **mix and match** at ↑*mix*¹(6)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **go to a match** I love going to football matches.
- **watch a match** I watched the match on TV.
- **play a match** We played the match in heavy rain.
- **lose a match** They lost the match, despite playing very well.
- **win a match** Do you think we'll win our next match?
- **draw a match** (=finish with the score even) United have drawn their last two matches.
- **have a match** (=be scheduled to play a match) Do we have a match on Sunday?

- **postpone a match** (=arrange for it to happen at a later time) Our first match was postponed because of bad weather.
- **miss a match** (=not play in a match) He missed two matches because of an ankle injury.
- **level the match** (=make the score level) Woods won the last two holes to level the match.
- **clinch the match** (=to win a match by scoring a goal, hitting a winning ball etc) Ronaldo clinched the match with a brilliant goal.
- **referee a match** (=be the person on the field who makes sure players follow the rules) The matches are refereed by the children's parents.
- **a match kicks off** (=it starts) The match kicks off at 3.30 pm.

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + match

- **great/brilliant** (=very good to watch) We're sure it's going to be another great match.
- **exciting** The match could not have been more exciting.
- **thrilling** (=very exciting) There were some thrilling matches at Wimbledon this year.
- **tough** (=difficult) At this stage of the competition, every match is tough.
- **close** (=with each team playing equally well) Germany won the match, although it was close.
- **an important/crucial match** Luckily, all their players are fit for such an important match.
- **a big match** (=an important match) Are you going to watch the big match on TV?
- **a football/rugby/tennis etc match** There was a rugby match going on on the school field.
- **a home match** (=played at the place where a team usually practises) They have won their last five home matches.
- **an away match** (=played at the place where the opponent usually practises) This is their last away match of the season.
- **a live match** (=shown on TV as it happens) There is a live match on TV every Wednesday evening.
- **a friendly match** (=not part of a competition) Fitness is still important in friendly matches.
- **a qualifying match** (=to decide who plays in a competition) They won all their qualifying matches.
- **a semi-final match** (=between two of the last four teams left in a competition) Spain beat Russia in their semi-final match last night.

phrase

- **man of the match** (=the best player in a match) Henri was named man of the match.

II. match² S3 W2 BrE¹ AmE¹ verb

[Word Family: adjective: ↑matching, ↑unmatched; verb: ↑match; noun: ↑match]

1. **LOOK GOOD TOGETHER** [intransitive and transitive] if one thing matches another, or if two things match, they look attractive together because they are a similar colour, pattern etc ⇒ **matching**:

- We painted the cabinets green to match the rug.
- Do you think this outfit matches?
- a beech dining table with four chairs to match (=chairs that match it)

► Do not say that one thing 'matches to' or 'matches with' another. Say that one thing **matches** another.

2. **LOOK THE SAME** [intransitive and transitive] two things that match look the same because they are a pair:

- Your socks don't match.

3. **SEEM THE SAME** [intransitive and transitive] if two things match, or if one matches the other, there is no important difference between them:

- The suspect matched the descriptions provided by witnesses.
- Their actions do not match their words.

match exactly/closely/perfectly

- The copy closely matches the original.

4. **SUITABLE** [transitive] to be suitable for a particular person, thing, or situation **SYN** suit

- Teaching materials should match individual students' needs.
- We'll help you find a home that will match your requirements.

well-matched/ill-matched

- a well-matched pair

5. **CONNECT** [transitive] to put two people or things together that are similar to or somehow connected with each other

match something to/with somebody/something

- Can you name the animals and match them to the correct countries?
- All checked-in baggage must be matched with a passenger travelling on the aircraft.

6. **BE EQUAL** [transitive] to be equal to something in value, size, or quality:

- His strength is matched by his intelligence.
- Few cities in Europe can match the cultural richness of Berlin.
- Fancy designer labels tend to come with fancy price tags to match.

evenly/equally matched

- The two candidates are fairly evenly matched.

7. **MAKE EQUAL** [transitive] to make something equal to something else

match something to something

- Lindsey matched her steps to those of the other girl as they walked.
- an attempt to match financial resources to need

8. **GIVE MONEY** [transitive] to give a sum of money that is equal to a sum given by someone else:

- The government has promised to match any private donations to the earthquake fund.

9. **COMPETITION** [transitive usually passive] if you are matched against someone else in a game or competition, you are competing against them

be matched against/with somebody

- Federer was matched against Nadal in the final.

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THESAURUS

- **match** if something matches something else, they look good together because they are very similar in colour or style: a black suit with a handbag and shoes to match | The earrings matched her eyes.
- **go with something** to look good with something else - **Go with** is very common in everyday English: Do you think that blue wallpaper will go with the carpet?
- **go together** if two things go together, they look good when they are worn or seen with each other. **Go together** is very common in everyday English: That jacket and skirt don't really go together. | The blue and the yellow go together well.
- **complement** *formal* if a piece of clothing or a colour complements something, it makes it look more attractive: A simple string of pearls will complement any outfit.
- **well coordinated/perfectly coordinated** if clothes, decorations etc are well or perfectly coordinated, they look good together because they have similar colours and styles: Her outfits are always perfectly coordinated.

match up *phrasal verb*

1. **match somebody/something ↔ up** to put two people or things together that are related to or suitable for each other:

▪ The employment agency exists to match up graduates and IT companies.

match somebody/something ↔ up with

▪ My mother spent her life trying to match me up with various women.

2. if two things match up, they seem the same or are connected in some way:

▪ Their accounts just don't match up.

match up with

▪ The DNA samples found on her body did not match up with a sample taken from the accused.

3. **match up to sb's hopes/expectations/ideals etc** to be as good as you hoped, expected etc **SYN measure up to:**

▪ Unfortunately, the product's performance did not match up to the manufacturer's promise.

match

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12500 **1116**^{MCW}

15000 **1189**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k MATCH** ³⁷⁷²³

match 19567

matching 5529

matches 5112

matched 5367

unmatched 534

mismatch 498

mismatched 517

mismatches 138

mismatching 20

rematch 431

rematches 10

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

5987 **4157**⁹⁶⁷³ *nn1*

6464 **5113**⁷⁴⁸⁶ *vvi*

2062 **11976**²³⁸⁷ *vv0*

9 **227333**¹³ *np1*

8 **293987**⁸ *nnu*