

pair**1. [peə] n**

1. пара; парные предметы

a pair of shoes - пара туфель

a pair of eyes [hands, feet] - *разг.* пара глаз [две руки, две ноги] [*ср. тж.* ◇]

in pairs - парами

pair of gears - *тех.* пара сопряжённых зубчатых колёсpair of wheels - *авт.* двойной скат колёс

a pair of stairs - марш, этаж

a pair of steps - а) лестничный марш; б) лестница-стремянка

2. вещь, состоящая из двух частей

a pair of trousers - пара брюк

in a pair of jeans - в джинсах

a pair of scissors [compasses, spectacles, scales] - ножницы [компас, очки, весы]

3. 1) пара животных (*самец и самка*)

2) пара лошадей

a carriage and pair - карета, запряжённая парой лошадей

4. 1) пара; супружеская чета; жених с невестой

2) пара танцующих *и т. п.*5. *pl* партнёры в картах6. *парл.* два члена противных партий, не участвующие в голосовании по взаимному соглашению

7. = pair-oar

8. бригада рабочих, шахтёров

a pair of ten men were working at night-shift underground - группа рабочих из десяти человек работала в ночную смену под землёй

9. (-pair) как компонент сложных слов со значением такой-то этаж:

one-pair [two-pair, three-pair] front [back] - комната во втором [третьем, четвёртом] этаже окнами на улицу [во двор]

a spacious room on the two-pair front - большая комната на третьем этаже, окнами на улицу

◇ a pair of hands /feet/ - трудовой человек, работник [*ср. тж.* 1]

pair of lawn sleeves - епископ

another pair of shoes - другое дело

to take /to show/ a clean pair of heels - удрать; ≅ только пятки засверкали

2. [peə] v

1. 1) располагать парами; подбирать под пару

2) располагаться парами

2. соединять по две

3. 1) сочетать браком

2) сочетаться браком

4. 1) спаривать, случать (*животных*)2) спариваться (*о животных*)5. *спорт.* составлять порядок встреч6. *парл.* договариваться о неучастии в голосовании (*о двух членах противных партий*)**pair**

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pair [paɪ paɪs paɪəd paɪɪŋ] noun, verb BrE [peə(r)] * NAmE [peɪ] *

noun

TWO THINGS THE SAME**1. countable** two things of the same type, especially when they are used or worn together

- a **pair of gloves/shoes/earrings, etc.**
- a huge pair of eyes
- The vase is one of a **matching pair** .
- a pair of aces/kings (= two playing cards that have the same value)

TWO PARTS JOINED**2. countable** an object consisting of two parts that are joined together

- a **pair of trousers/pants/jeans, etc.**
- a **pair of glasses/binoculars/scissors etc.** A plural verb is sometimes used with **pair** in the singular in senses 1 and 2. Informal NAmE some people use **pair** as a plural form
- three pair of shoes . This is not considered correct in written English.

TWO PEOPLE**3. countable + singular or plural verb** two people who are doing sth together or who have a particular relationship

- Get pairs of students to act out the dialogue in front of the class.
- Get the students to do the exercise as **pair work** (= two students work together).
- (informal) I've had enough of the pair of you! In BrE a plural verb is usually used
- A pair of children were kicking a ball about.
- The pair are planning a trip to India together.

TWO ANIMALS/BIRDS

4. **countable + singular or plural verb** two animals or birds of the same type that are breeding together

- a breeding pair
- a pair of swans
- **pair bonding** (= the process of animals forming a pair for breeding)

TWO HORSES

5. **countable** two horses working together to pull a ↑carriage

- a carriage and pair

see also ↑au pair

more at a safe pair of hands **at** ↑safe adj.

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- I thought they would make a good pair so I arranged for them to meet.
- The pair were matched for age.
- The students worked in pairs.
- These candles only come in pairs.
- They make an odd pair.
- This sculpture was originally one of a pair owned by the King of France.
- a clean pair of socks
- a matching pair of vases
- a pair of swans nesting by the river

Idioms: ↑I've only got one pair of hands ▪ ↑in pairs ▪ ↑pair of hands

Derived ↑pair off ▪ ↑pair somebody off ▪ ↑pair somebody up ▪ ↑pair up

verb

MAKE GROUPS OF TWO

1. **transitive, usually passive** to put people or things into groups of two

- ~ **A with B** Each blind student was paired with a sighted student.
- ~ **A (and B) (together)** All the shoes on the floor were neatly paired.

OF ANIMALS/BIRDS

2. **intransitive (technical)** to come together in order to breed

- Many of the species pair for life.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | pair |
| | BrE /peə(r)/ |
| | NAme /per/ |
| he / she / it | pairs |
| | BrE /peəz/ |
| | NAme /perz/ |
| past simple, past participle | paired |
| | BrE /peəd/ |
| | NAme /perd/ |
| -ing form | pairing |
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Example Bank:

- Bryant was paired with a newcomer to the team.
- Julie paired up with Rob for the quiz.
- She was always trying to pair him off with some young woman or another.

pair

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1. **pair**¹ **S2 W2** /peə \$ per/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** (plural **pairs** or **pair**) [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: **paire**, from Latin **paria** 'equal things', from **par**, ⇒ ↑**par**]

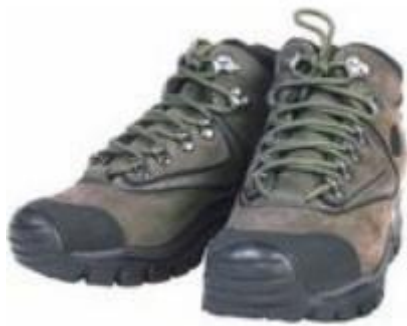
1. **JOINED TOGETHER** an object that is made from two similar parts that are joined together

pair of trousers/scissors/glasses etc

^ˈ two pairs of jeans

^ˈ a pair of black tights

2.



BELONGING TOGETHER two things of the same type that are used together

pair of

• a new pair of sandals

pair of hands/eyes/legs etc

• She felt as if every pair of eyes in the room was on her.

• earrings, £5 a pair

• a pair of skis

• We have five pairs of free tickets to give away.

3. **in pairs** in groups of two:

• We worked in pairs for the role-play exercise.

• The leaves of the tree are arranged in pairs.

4. **TWO PEOPLE** two people who are standing or doing something together, or who have some type of connection with each other:

• The pair are looking for sponsorship from local businesses.

pair of

• a pair of dancers

▶ Do not use **pair** to talk about a husband and wife (or two people in a similar relationship). Use **couple**: *They're a nice couple (NOT pair).*

5. **the pair of you/them** *British English spoken* used when you are angry or annoyed with two people:

• Oh, get out, the pair of you.

6. **TWO ANIMALS**

a) a male and a female animal that come together in order to ↑**breed**

pair of

• a pair of doves

• a breeding pair

b) *old use* two horses that work together

7. **I've only got one pair of hands** *spoken* used to say that you are busy and cannot do any more than you are already doing

8. **an extra pair of hands** someone who helps you do something when you are busy:

• Having an extra pair of hands during busy periods can take the pressure off.

9. **a safe pair of hands** someone you can trust and depend on because they are sensible – used especially in news reports:

• Colleagues regard him as a safe pair of hands.

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THESAURUS

• **pair** two things of the same type that you use together. Also used about two people who do something together or who you often see together: a pair of shoes | a pair of socks | Winners will receive a pair of tickets for the show. | The pair were arrested six days after the killing. | They're a funny pair! | The British pair will be playing in the final on Saturday.

• **a couple (of something)** two things of the same type, or a very small number of things: There were a couple of empty seats at the table. | Do you have any stamps? I just need a couple.

• **couple** *noun* [countable] two people who are married or having a sexual relationship: a married couple | The couple met at university.

• **twins** *noun* [plural] two children who were born on the same day to the same mother: The twins look very alike. | identical twins

• **duo** *noun* [countable] two people who perform together or who are often seen together: a comedy duo

• **duet** *noun* [countable] a piece of music written for two people to play: They played a duet by Brahms.

• **twice** two times *adverb*: The group meets twice a week. | She sneezed twice.

II. **pair**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ² *verb*

1. [I, T usually passive] to put people or things into groups of two, or to form groups of two

be paired with somebody

• We were each paired with a newcomer to help with training.

2. (also **pair up**) [intransitive] if animals pair, they come together in order to ↑**breed**

pair off *phrasal verb*

to come together or bring two people together to have a romantic relationship:

• All the others were pairing off and I was left on my own.

pair somebody off with somebody

• My aunt was foreverpairing me off with unsuitable men.

pair up *phrasal verb*

1. *British English* to become friends and start to have a relationship:

• We learned later that he and Tanya had paired up.

2. to work together to do something or to put two people together to do something:

They first paired up in the screen adaptation of 'Grease'.

pair somebody ↔up

They have paired up writers and artists, and commissioned linked works.

3. if animals pair up, they come together in order to ↑breed

pair

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