

policeman

[pəˈliːsmən] *n* (*pl* -men [-{pəˈliːs}mən])
 полисмен, полицейский

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po·lice·man [**policeman** **policemen**] *BrE* [pəˈliːsmən] *NAmE* [pəˈliːsmən]
noun (*pl.* **po·lice·men** *BrE* [pəˈliːsmən] ; *NAmE* [pəˈliːsmən])

a male police officer

Thesaurus:

policeman policewoman **noun** C

• A policeman chased after the man.

police officer • **officer** • **detective** • **constable** • **informant** • **cop** • **BrE PC/WPC** • **AmE trooper** •

a **uniformed** policeman/police officer

a/an policeman/police officer **detective/constable/cop** **arrests sb/investigates sth**

a/an policeman/police officer **constable/cop** **patrols** sth

Policeman, police officer or officer? **Policeman** is the most frequent of these words. **Police officer** and **officer** are used in more formal contexts and to avoid referring to the gender of the person.

More About:**gender**Ways of talking about men and women

When you are writing or speaking English it is important to use language that includes both men and women equally. Some people may be very friendly. You do not. **The human race**

Man and **mankind** have traditionally been used to mean 'all men and women'. Many people now prefer to use **humanity**, the human race, **human beings** or **people**. **Jobs**

The suffix **-ess** in names of occupations such as **actress**, **hostess** and **waitress** shows that the person doing the job is a woman. Many people now avoid these. Instead you can use **actor** or **host**, (although **actress** and **hostess** are still very common) or a neutral word, such as **server**, **waiter** and **waitress**.

Neutral words like **assistant**, **worker**, **person** or **staff** are now often used instead of **-man** or **-woman** in the names of jobs. For example, you can use **police officer** instead of **policeman** or **policewoman**, and **spokesperson** instead of **spokesman** or **spokeswoman**. Neutral words are very common in newspapers, on television and radio and in official writing, in both **BrE** and **NAmE**.

When talking about jobs that are traditionally done by the other sex, some people say: a male secretary/nurse/model (NOT man) or a woman/female doctor/barrister/driver. However this is now not usually used unless you need to emphasize which sex the person is, or it is still unusual for the job to be done by a man/woman: ▪ My daughter prefers to see a woman doctor. ◊▪ They have a male nanny for their kids. ◊▪ a female taxi driver **Pronouns**

He used to be considered to cover both men and women: ▪ Everyone needs to feel that he is loved. This is not now acceptable. Instead, after **everybody**, **everyone**, **anybody**, **anyone**, **somebody**, **someone**, etc. one of the plural pronouns **they**, **them**, and **their** is often used: ▪ Does everybody know what they want? ◊▪ Somebody's left their coat here. ◊▪ I hope nobody's forgotten to bring their passport with them.

Some people prefer to use **he** or **she**, **his** or **her**, or **him** or **her** in speech and writing: ▪ Everyone knows what's best for him or herself. **He/she** or **(s)he** can also be used in writing: ▪ In doubt, ask your doctor. He/she can give you more information. (You may find that some writers just use 'she'.) These uses can seem awkward when they are used a lot. It is better to try to change the sentence, using a plural noun. Instead of saying: ▪ A baby cries when he or she is tired you can say ▪ Babies cry when they are tired.

Example Bank:

- A policeman was called to the house just after midnight.
- She went off to fetch a policeman.
- The robbery may have been carried out with the help of a bent policeman.
- the duties of the ordinary policeman
- A heavy police presence, including mounted policemen, were on hand to control protesters.
- An officer/policeman chased after the man.
- Is this really an important issue to ordinary policemen and women?

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po·lice·man **S2 W3** /pəˈliːsmən *BrE* *AmE* *noun* (*plural* **policemen** /-mən/) [**countable**]

a male police officer **policewoman**

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THESAURUS■ **people in the police**

▪ **police officer** (*also* **officer**) a member of the police. In British English, **police officer** is used especially in more formal contexts, for example in news reports. In everyday English, British people still usually say **policeman** or **policewoman**: a senior police officer was sentenced to life in prison for killing a police officer. He is the officer in charge of the case. | Of the officer's yard (=in the US 'Officer' is used in the title of police officers)

▪ **policeman** a man who is a member of the police: an officer/policeman | He's a former policeman.

▪ **policewoman** a woman who is a member of the police: The girl, accompanied by a policewoman and two social workers, was seen in private by Sheriff George Crozier.

- **PC/WPC** *abbreviation* used in the job titles of British police of f iice **PC** means 'Police Constable' and **WPC** means 'Woman Police Constable': PC Keith Fletcher | WPC Susan Larkin
- **detective** a police of f iice whose job is to discover who is responsible f or crimes: Detectives are investigating the death of a baby boy. | Detective Inspector John Hartwell
- **plain-clothes** *adjective* a plain-clothes police of f iice wears ordinary clothes instead of a unif or m Two plain-clothes police of f iice acting as hotel security men, kept watch on him.
- **constable** a British police of f iice at the lowest rank: a police constable | Constable Robin Cameron
- **chief constable** a senior police of f iice who is in charge of the police in a particular area in Britain: the chief constable of North Yorkshire police
- **cop** *informal* a police of f iice you'd better call the cops.
- **trooper** a US police of f iice a state police f orce a New Jersey state trooper

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