

melt

1. [melt] *n*

- 1. расплавленное вещество, расплав
- 2. плавка

2. [melt] *v*

1. таять

to melt like wax - (рас)таять как воск
 the ice will melt - лёд растает
 money melts in his hands - деньги тают в его руках

2. 1) плавить, растапливать

to melt butter - растапливать/перетапливать масло

2) плавиться, растапливаться

butter melts in the sun - масло растапливается на солнце

3. *разг.* растворяться

sugar melts in tea - сахар растворяется в чае
 a pear that melts in the mouth - груша, которая тает во рту

4. 1) смягчаться, таять; умиляться

to melt with love [joy] - таять от любви [радости]
 to melt with pity - умиляться от жалости
 to melt into tears - а) растрогаться до слёз; б) расплакаться (от жалости)

2) трогать, смягчать

nothing can melt him - ничто не может тронуть его
 pity melted her heart - её сердце разрывалось от жалости
 her grief melted our hearts - её горе тронуло наши сердца

5. слабеть, уменьшаться, исчезать

the sounds melted - звуки таяли
 the clouds melted - тучи рассеялись
 her anger melted - её злость прошла; она перестала злиться

6. незаметно, постепенно переходить (*в др. форму, состояние, цвет и т. п.*); сливаться

to melt into (the) background - а) сливаться с фоном; б) ступеваться
 in the rainbow one colour melts into another - в радуге один цвет незаметно переходит в другой
 the sea seemed to melt into /with/ the sky - казалось, (что) море сливается с небом
 the fog was beginning to melt into rain - туман постепенно переходил в дождь
 the thief melted into the crowd - вор исчез /растворился/ в толпе

7. *разг.*

1) тратить (*деньги*)

2) разменивать (*банковый билет*)

8. *воен. жарг.* нести огромные потери

◇ to melt into thin air - исчезнуть бесследно, испариться
 to look as if butter wouldn't melt in one's mouth - притворяться /прикидываться/ тихоней; ≅ воды не замутить

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melt [melt melts melted melting] *BrE* [melt] ^m *NAmE* [melt] ^m *verb*

1. **intransitive, transitive** to become or make sth become liquid as a result of heating

- The snow showed no sign of melting.
- melting ice
- ~ **sth** The sun had melted the snow.
- First, melt two ounces of butter.

compare ↑defrost, ↑de-ice

2. **intransitive, transitive** to become or to make a feeling, an emotion, etc. become gentler and less strong

- The tension in the room began to melt.
- ~ **sth** Her trusting smile melted his heart.

more at butter would not melt in your mouth **at** ↑butter *n.*

Idiom: ↑melt in your mouth

Derived ↑melt away ▪ ↑melt into something ▪ ↑melt something away ▪ ↑melt something down

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	melt
	<i>BrE</i> /melt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /melt/
he / she / it	melts
	<i>BrE</i> /melts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /melts/
past simple, past participle	melted
	<i>BrE</i> /meltɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /meltɪd/
-ing form	melting
	<i>BrE</i> /meltɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /meltɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English *meltan*, *mieltan*, of Germanic origin; related to Old Norse *melta* 'to malt, digest', from an Indo-European root shared by Greek *meldein* 'to melt', Latin *mollis* 'soft', also by ↑*malt*.

Thesaurus:

melt *verb*, *T*

• The snow showed no sign of melting.

thaw • • **defrost** • • **dissolve** •

Opp: freeze

melt/dissolve **away**

ice/snow melts/thaws

completely melt/thaw/dissolve

Collocations:

Cooking

Preparing

prepare a dish/a meal/a menu/dinner/the fish

weigh out 100g/4oz of sugar/the ingredients

wash/rinse the lettuce/spinach/watercress

chop/slice/dice the carrots/onions/potatoes

peel the carrots/onion/potatoes/garlic/orange

grate a carrot/the cheese/some nutmeg

remove /discard the bones/seeds/skin

blend/combine/mix (together) the flour and water/all the ingredients

beat/whisk the cream/eggs/egg whites

knead/shape/roll (out) the dough

Cooking

heat the oil in a frying pan

preheat /heat the oven/(*BrE*) the grill/(*NAmE*) the broiler

bring to (*BrE*) the boil/(*NAmE*) a boil

stir constantly/gently with a wooden spoon

reduce the heat

simmer gently for 20 minutes/until reduced by half

melt the butter/chocolate/cheese/sugar

brown the meat for 8-20 minutes

drain the pasta/the water from the pot/in a colander

mash the potatoes/banana/avocado

Ways of cooking

cook food/fish/meat/rice/pasta/a Persian dish

bake (a loaf of) bread/a cake/(*especially NAmE*) cookies/(*BrE*) biscuits/a pie/potatoes/fish/scones/muffins

boil cabbage/potatoes/an egg/water

fry/deep-fry/stir-fry the chicken/vegetables

grill meat/steak/chicken/sausages/a hot dog

roast potatoes/peppers/meat/chicken/lamb

sauté garlic/mushrooms/onions/potatoes/vegetables

steam rice/vegetables/spinach/asparagus/dumplings

toast bread/nuts

microwave food/popcorn/(*BrE*) a ready meal

Serving

serve in a glass/on a bed of rice/with potatoes

arrange the slices on a plate/in a layer

carve the meat/lamb/chicken/turkey

dress/toss a salad

dress with/drizzle with olive oil/vinaigrette

top with a slice of lemon/a scoop of ice cream/whipped cream/syrup

garnish with a sprig of parsley/fresh basil leaves/lemon wedges/a slice of lime/a twist of orange

sprinkle with salt/sugar/herbs/parsley/freshly ground black pepper

Example Bank:

- The crowd had melted away.
- The ground seemed to melt under our feet.
- The snow was beginning to melt.
- All her anger and hurt melted away in his embrace.
- At the first sign of trouble, his supporters melted away.
- Before the boy's incredulous gaze the figure melted into thin air.
- The melting ice caps could provoke widespread flooding.
- The sun had melted the ice.

- BECOME LIQUID** [intransitive and transitive] if something solid melts or if heat melts it, it becomes liquid ⇒ **freeze** , **thaw** :
 - It was warmer now, and the snow was beginning to melt.
 - Melt the butter in a saucepan.
 - DISAPPEAR** [intransitive] (also **melt away**) to gradually disappear:
 - Opposition to the government melted away.
 - His anger slowly melted.
 - BECOME LESS ANGRY** [intransitive] to become less angry and begin to feel more gentle and sympathetic:
 - She melted under his gaze.
 - My heart just melted when I saw her crying.
 - melt in your mouth** if food melts in your mouth, it is soft and tastes very nice
 - melt into sb's arms/embrace** *literary* to allow someone to hold you in their arms and feel that you love them:
 - Closing her eyes, she melted into his embrace.
- ⇒ **butter wouldn't melt in sb's mouth** at ↑**butter**¹(2)

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THESAURUS

■ **preparing food**

- **grate** to cut cheese, carrot etc into small pieces by rubbing it against a special tool: Grate the cheese and sprinkle it over the top of the pasta.
- **melt** to make butter, chocolate etc become liquid: Melt the butter, chocolate, and 1 teaspoon of cream over a low heat.
- **sieve** *British English*, **sift** *American English* to put flour or other powders through a ↑**sieve** (=tool like a net made of wire, which you use for removing larger grains or pieces): Sift the flour and cocoa before adding to the rest of the mixture.
- **chop** to cut something into pieces, especially using a big knife: Chop up the vegetables.
- **dice** to cut vegetables or meat into small square pieces: Dice the carrots and then fry them in butter.
- **season** to add salt, pepper etc to food: Season the meat before grilling.
- **crush** to use a lot of force to break something such as seeds into very small pieces or into a powder: Add one clove of crushed garlic.
- **mix** to combine different foods together: Mix together all the ingredients in one bowl.
- **beat/whisk** to mix food together quickly with a fork or other tool: Whisk the egg whites until they form soft peaks.
- **stir** to turn food around with a spoon: Stir the sauce gently to prevent burning.
- **fold something in** to gently mix another substance into a mixture: Fold in the beaten egg whites.
- **knead** to press ↑**dough** (=a mixture of flour and water) many times with your hands when you are making bread: Knead the dough for ten minutes, until smooth.
- **drizzle** to slowly pour a small amount of a liquid onto something: Drizzle with olive oil.
- **let something stand** to leave something somewhere, before you do something else with it: Let the mixture stand for a couple of hours so that it cools naturally.
- **serve** to put different foods together as part of a meal: Serve with rice and a salad. | Serve the aubergines on a bed of lettuce.

melt away *phrasal verb*

- if a crowd of people melts away, the people gradually leave:
 - The demonstrators melted away at the first sign of trouble.
- to gradually disappear:
 - Her determination to take revenge slowly melted away.

melt something ↔ down *phrasal verb*

to heat a metal object until it becomes a liquid, especially so that you can use the metal again:
 A lot of the gold was melted down and used for making jewellery.

melt into something *phrasal verb*

- to gradually change into something else:
 - Her irritation melted into pity.
- to gradually become hidden by something:
 - He is trying to melt into the background.

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 15000 **2501**^{COCA}
 RANGE: **3k MELT** 11790
 melt 3457
 melts 1104
 melting 2899
 melted 4330
 COCA 500k Unlemmatized
 1363 **14598**¹⁷⁶⁹ *vv0*
 1385 **15892**¹⁵⁵⁸ *vvi*
 105 **66246**¹³⁰ *nn1*