

[waɪf] *n* (*pl* *wives*)

1. жена; супруга

to take a wife - жениться

to take to wife - взять в жёны

faculty wives - жёны профессоров и преподавателей учебного заведения

2. *диал.* женщина

an old wife - старуха, бабка

3. (-wife) как компонент сложных слов:

house-wife - домашняя хозяйка

fishwife - торговка рыбой

applewife - торговка яблоками

midwife - акушерка

◇ all the world and his wife - *шутл.* весь свет, все**wife**

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wife [waɪf wɪvz] *BrE* [waɪf] ^ˈ *NAmE* [waɪf] ^ˈ noun (pl. **wives** *BrE* [waɪvz] ^ˈ ; *NAmE* [waɪvz] ^ˈ)

the woman that a man is married to; a married woman

• the doctor's wife

• She's his second wife.

• an increase in the number of working wives

see also ↑fishwife, ↑housewife, ↑midwife, ↑trophy wife, **see** husband and wife **at** ↑husband *n.*, an old wives' tale **at** ↑old, (all) the world and his wife **at** ↑worldWord Origin:Old English wīf 'woman', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *wijf* and German *Weib*.Collocations:**Marriage and divorce***Romance*

fall/be (madly/deeply/hopelessly) in love (with sb)

be/believe in/fall in love at first sight

be/find true love/the love of your life

suffer (from) (the pains/pangs of) unrequited love

have/feel/show/express great/deep/genuine affection for sb/sth

meet/marry your husband/wife/partner/fiancé/fiancée/boyfriend/girlfriend

have/go on a (blind) date

be going out with/ (especially *NAmE*) dating a guy/girl/boy/man/woman

move in with/live with your boyfriend/girlfriend/partner

Weddings

get/be engaged/married/divorced

arrange/plan a wedding

have a big wedding/a honeymoon/a happy marriage

have/enter into an arranged marriage

call off/cancel/postpone your wedding

invite sb to/go to/attend a wedding/a wedding ceremony/a wedding reception

conduct/perform a wedding ceremony

exchange rings/wedding vows/marriage vows

congratulate/toast/raise a glass to the happy couple

be/go on honeymoon (with your wife/husband)

celebrate your first (wedding) anniversary

Separation and divorce

be unfaithful to/ (informal) cheat on your husband/wife/partner/fiancé/fiancée/boyfriend/girlfriend

have an affair (with sb)

break off/end an engagement/a relationship

break up with/split up with/ (informal) dump your boyfriend/girlfriend

separate from/be separated from/leave/divorce your husband/wife

annul/dissolve a marriage

apply for/ask for/go through/get a divorce

get/gain/be awarded/have/lose custody of the children

pay alimony/child support (to your ex-wife/husband)

Example Bank:

• His long-suffering wife had to put up with his numerous affairs.

• His wife has just given birth to a son.

• I first met my wife at college.

• Mr Thomas is survived by his wife, Muriel.

• She's a classic trophy wife— beautiful and half his age.

- The general was accompanied by his wife.
- With a dependent wife and children, he can't afford to lose his job.
- a hostel for battered wives
- At that time there was an increase in the number of working wives.
- This is my wife, Julie.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

wife **S1 W1** /waɪf/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* (plural **wives** /waɪvz/) [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: wif 'woman, wife']

the woman that a man is married to ⇒ **husband, spouse**:

- Have you met my wife?
- a refuge for battered wives
- his second wife

ex-wife/former wife

- He threatened to kill his ex-wife's boyfriend.

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■ **husband/wife etc**

- **husband/wife** the man/woman you are married to: My wife's a teacher.
- **partner** the person you live with and have a sexual relationship with. **Partner** is often used when people are not married, or when you do not know if they are married. It is also used when talking about same-sex couples: He lives with his partner Ruth and their eight-month-old son.
- **fiancé/fiancée** the man/woman you are engaged to: He and fiancée Wendy Hodgson will marry in July.
- **divorcee** a woman who is divorced: The Prince announced his intention to marry Mrs Wallis Simpson, an American divorcee.
- **widow/widower** a woman or man whose husband or wife has died: Imelda Marcos, the widow of the former President
- **spouse** *formal* your spouse is your husband or wife: The rule applies to spouses and children of military personnel.
- **estranged wife/husband** *formal* someone's estranged husband or wife is one who they do not live with anymore: She is trying to get her sons back from her estranged husband.

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