

**pal**

1. [pæl] *n* **разг.**  
товарищ, приятель  
we are great pals - мы большие друзья  
to make a pal of smb. - подружиться с кем-л.

2. [pæl] *v* (*with*) **разг.**  
дружить, подружиться (*обыкн.* pal in, pal on, pal up)  
I palled in with some older hands at the game - я подружился с ребятами, давно занимающимися этим дельцем

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**pal** [pal pals palled palling] **noun, verb** BrE [pæl] <sup>ⓘ</sup> NAmE [pæl] <sup>ⓘ</sup>  
**noun**

1. (informal, becoming old-fashioned) a friend  
• We've been pals for years.  
**see also** ↑pen pal
2. (informal) used to address a man in an unfriendly way  
• If I were you, pal, I'd stay away from her!

Word Origin:  
late 17th cent.: from Romany, brother, mate, based on Sanskrit *bhrātṛ* 'brother'.

Example Bank:  
• She became quite good pals with the woman in the shop.  
• If I were you, pal, I'd stay away from her!  
• Thanks— you're a real pal.  
• We've been pals for years.

Derived Word ↑pally  
Derived ↑pal around ▪ ↑pal up

**verb** (-ll-)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pal
	BrE /pæl/
	NAmE /pæl/
he / she / it	pals
	BrE /pæltz/
	NAmE /pæltz/
past simple, past participle	palled
	BrE /pæld/
	NAmE /pæld/
-ing form	palling
	BrE /pælnɪŋ/
	NAmE /pælnɪŋ/

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See also: ↑buddy up

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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Romany; Origin: phral, phal 'brother, friend', from Sanskrit bhratr 'brother']

1. **informal** a close friend ⇔ **mate**:  
• We've been pals since we were at school.  
• an old pal (=a friend you have had for a long time)
2. **spoken** used to speak to a man in an unfriendly way:  
• Look, pal, I don't want you hanging around.  
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**THESAURUS**

- **friend** someone who you know and like very much and enjoy spending time with: Dad, this is my friend Steve. | She's going to Palm Springs with some friends. | I got a letter from a friend from college. | Amy's a close friend of mine. | John was a really good friend to me when I had all those problems last year.
- **acquaintance** /ə'kwɛɪntəns/ someone who you know and see sometimes, but who is not one of your close friends: We borrowed the money from one of Paul's business acquaintances.
- **mate** *British English informal* a friend – used especially about boys or men: He always goes to the pub with his mates on Friday night. | Terry's an old mate of mine.
- **buddy** *American English informal* a friend – used especially about men or young people: He's out playing basketball with some of his high school buddies.
- **pal** *informal* a friend – **pal** sounds rather old-fashioned: They met at school and have remained close pals.
- **crony** [usually plural] *disapproving* a friend – used about powerful people who will help each other even if it is slightly dishonest:

He's one of the President's cronies.

▪ **companion** *written* someone who spends time with you, doing the same things as you – used about animals as well as people:  
travelling companions | His dog was his constant companion. | the perfect companion

▪ **the girls** *informal* a woman's female friends: We're having a girls' night out.

▪ **the lads** *British English informal* a man's male friends: a night out with the lads

II. **pal**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **palled**, present participle **palling**)

**pal around** *phrasal verb*

*American English* if you pal around with someone, you do things together as friends

**pal around with**

<sup>\*</sup> It was nice having someone to pal around with.

**pal up** *phrasal verb*

*British English* to become someone's friend

**pal up with**

<sup>\*</sup> She palled up with Neil while travelling round Europe.

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