

**couple****1. ['kʌp(ə)] n**

1. 1) пара, парные предметы; два

a couple of apples - два яблока

to work in couples - работать парами

a couple of girls - две девушки

2) **разг.** несколько; пара

in a couple of days - через два-три дня

she will arrive in a couple of hours - она придет через пару часов

2. 1) пара (*супруги, жених и невеста*)

married couple - супружеская пара /чета/

loving couple - любящая пара

2) пара (*в танцах*)

ten couples were on the floor - танцевали десять пар

3. пара борзых на своре *или* гончих на смычке4. 1) **тех.** пара сил2) **эл.** термopapa, термоэлемент

◇ to go /to hunt, to run/ in couples - быть неразлучными

it is not every couple that is a pair - двое - это ещё не пара

**2. ['kʌp(ə)] v**1. 1) соединять, сцеплять (*тж. вагоны*); связывать

2) соединяться

2. связывать, ассоциировать

3. **разг.** пожениться

4. 1) спаривать

2) спариваться, совокупляться

5. **тех.**1) включать (*механизм*)

2) соединять общим приводом

6. **эл.** связывать (*контуры*)**couple**

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▪ **ˌ****ɪ** **ˈ****cʊ****p****l** **ə** **AW** [**couple couples coupled coupling**] **noun, verb** **BrE** ['kʌpl] <sup>1</sup>**NAmE** ['kʌpl] <sup>1</sup>**noun** In BrE a plural verb is usually used in all 3 senses.**1. singular + singular or plural verb ~ (of sth)** two people or things

• I saw a couple of men get out.

**2. singular + singular or plural verb ~ (of sth)** a small number of people or things**Syn:** ↑few

• a couple of minutes

• We went there a couple of years ago.

• I've seen her a couple of times before.

• I'll be with you in a minute. There are a couple of things I have to do first.

• There are a couple more files to read first.

• We can do it in the **next couple of** weeks.• The **last couple of** years have been difficult.**3. countable + singular or plural verb** two people who are seen together, especially if they are married or in a romantic or sexual relationship

• married couples

• a young/an elderly couple

• Several couples were on the dance floor.

• The couple was/were married in 2006.

**see** in two shakes in a couple of shakes **at** ↑shake <sub>n.</sub>Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French **couple** (noun), **copler** (verb), from Latin **copula** (noun), **copulare** (verb), from **co-** 'together' + **apere** 'fasten'. Compare with ↑**copula** and ↑**copulate**.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:

- The hotel was full of honeymoon couples.
- They make a beautiful couple.
- We stood and drank a toast to the happy couple.
- childless couples seeking to adopt

Derived ↑couple somebody with somebody

verb

- transitive, usually passive to join together two parts of sth, for example two vehicles or pieces of equipment
  - ~ A and B together The two train cars had been coupled together.
  - ~ A (to B) CDTV uses a CD-ROM system that is coupled to a powerful computer.
- intransitive (formal) (of two people or animals) to have sex

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	couple
	BrE / 'kʌpl/
	NAmE / 'kʌpl/
he / she /it	couples
	BrE / 'kʌplz/
	NAmE / 'kʌplz/
past simple, past participle	coupled
	BrE / 'kʌpld/
	NAmE / 'kʌpld/
-ing form	coupling
	BrE / 'kʌplɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'kʌplɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French cople (noun), copler (verb), from Latin copula (noun), copulare (verb), from co- 'together' + apere 'fasten'. Compare with ↑copula and ↑copulate.

- II. couple determiner: (NAmE) It's only a couple blocks away.

Main entry: ↑couple<sub>derived</sub>

- III. a couple BrE<sup>n</sup> ; NAmE<sup>n</sup> pronoun

- Do you need any more glasses? I've got a couple I can lend you.

Main entry: ↑couple<sub>derived</sub>

couple

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I. couple<sup>1</sup> S1 W1 AC /'kʌpəl/ BrE<sup>n</sup> AmE<sup>n</sup> noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑couple, ↑coupling; verb: ↑couple]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: cople, from Latin copula; ⇒ ↑copula]

1. a couple

a) two things or people of the same kind SYN a few

a couple of

There are a couple of girls waiting for you.

b) a small number of things:

I just need to make a couple more calls.

a couple of

You'll be all right in a couple of days.

2. [countable] two people who are married or having a sexual or romantic relationship:

a newly married couple

the couple next door

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

#### adjectives

- a young/middle-aged/elderly couple A young couple with a baby have just moved into the house next door.
- a married couple Under the new rules, a married couple will now receive £20 a week extra.
- a newly married couple (=having married not long ago) Many newly married couples cannot afford to buy their own homes.
- an unmarried couple She rented the room to a young, unmarried couple.
- a childless couple (=without children) Are childless couples more or less likely to split up?
- a retired couple (=having finished working at the end of their working lives) The house is suitable for a retired couple.
- the happy couple (=the bride and bridegroom at their wedding) Guests stood around the happy couple, their glasses raised.
- a perfect couple (=a couple that seem very suitable for each other) Emily and John seemed a perfect couple.
- a courting couple *old-fashioned* (=having a romantic relationship, often planning to get married later) The path by the river is a popular area for courting couples.

#### phrases

- they make a lovely couple (=look very attractive together/suit each other well) You two would make a lovely couple.

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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. couple<sup>2</sup> AC BrE AmE verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑couple, ↑coupling; verb: ↑couple]

1. [transitive] to join or fasten two things together

couple something to something

Each element is mathematically coupled to its neighbours.

2. [intransitive] *formal* to have sex

couple something with something *phrasal verb* [usually passive]

if one thing is coupled with another, the two things happen or exist together and produce a particular result **SYN combine**:

Lack of rain coupled with high temperatures caused the crops to fail.

### couple

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