

brother**1.** ['brʌðə] *n* (*pl mж. brethren*)**1.** брат

my elder [younger] brother - мой старший [младший] брат

the brothers Smith, the Smith brothers - братья Смит

sworn brothers - названные братья, побратимы

2. 1) близкий друг, брат**2)** друг, приятель, братишка (*в обращении*)

brother, give me a dime - ≅ приятель, дай пятак

3. 1) (*pl brethren*) собрат, коллега

brother in arms - собрат по оружию

brother of the brush - собрат по кисти, художник

brother of the quill - собрат по перу, писатель

2) земляк**4.** брат, член религиозного братства, монах**2.** ['brʌðə] *v***1)** относиться по-братски**2)** называть братом**3)** принимать в братство**brother**

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brother [brother brothers brethren] *noun, exclamation* *BrE* ['brʌðə(r)]¹ *NAmE*

['brʌðə]

noun

IN FAMILY**1.** a boy or man who has the same mother and father as another person

• We're brothers.

• He's my brother.

• an **older/younger brother**

• a **twin brother**

• Does she have any **brothers and sisters**?

• Edward was the youngest of the Kennedy brothers.

• He was like a brother to me (= very close) .

see also ↑half-brother, ↑stepbrother

OTHER MEN**2.** (*pl. brothers* or *old-fashioned brethren*) used for talking to or talking about other male members of an organization or other men who have the same ideas, purpose, etc. as yourself

• We must work together, brothers!

• We are all brothers in the fight against injustice.

• He was greatly respected by his brother officers.

• We must support our weaker brethren.

IN RELIGIOUS GROUP**3.** (*also Brother*)(*pl. brethren* or *brothers*) a male member of a religious group, especially a ↑monk

• Brother Luke

• The Brethren meet regularly for prayer.

FORM OF ADDRESS**4.** (*NAmE, informal*) used by black people as a form of address for a black man**AT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY****5.** (in the US) a member of a ↑fraternity (= a club for a group of male students at a college or university)Word Origin:

Old English brōthor, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **broeder** and German **Bruder**, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin **frater**.

Example Bank:

• Bill idolizes his big brother, who is a professional footballer.

• Do you have any brothers and sisters?

• He married the wife of his late brother.

• His old teacher greeted him like a long-lost brother.

• She wrote daily to her beloved brother, Leo.

• The boys are so close, they're like brothers.

exclamation (*old-fashioned, especially NAmE*) used to express the fact that you are annoyed or surprised

• Oh brother!

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I. **brother**¹ **S1 W1** /'brʌðə \$ -ər/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u *noun* [countable]

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑brother, ↑brotherhood; **adjective**: ↑brotherly]

[Language: Old English; Origin: brothor]

1. a male who has the same parents as you ⇒ **sister**.

" I have two brothers, William and Mark.

elder/older/younger etc brother

" My younger brother is a doctor.

little/kid brother (=younger brother)

" I have to take my little brother to school.

" My **big brother** (=older brother) has always looked after me.

" my twin brother

2. **spoken informal** a word meaning a black man, used especially by other black men

3. a male member of a group with the same interests, religion, profession etc as you

4. (plural **brothers** or **brethren**) a male member of a religious group, especially a ↑monk:

" Brother Justin

5. **American English** a member of a ↑fraternity (=a club of male university students)

6. **brothers in arms** *literary* soldiers who have fought together in a war

⇒ ↑Big Brother, ↑blood brother, **HALF BROTHER**, ↑stepbrother

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + brother**

• **an older/elder brother** I have two older brothers.

• **a big brother** (=older brother - used especially by or to children) Jake was my big brother and I admired him.

• **a younger brother** Do you have any younger brothers?

• **a little brother** (also **a kid brother** **American English**) (=younger brother) My kid brother was always annoying me.

• **a baby brother** (=brother who is still a baby) Mum let me hold my new baby brother.

• **a twin brother** Luke and his twin brother Sam went everywhere together.

• **a half-brother** (=brother with only one parent the same as yours) I never really liked my half-brother.

• **a step-brother** (=the son of your stepfather or stepmother) His dad's new wife brought him two step-brothers.

II. **brother**² **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u *interjection* especially **American English**

used to show you are annoyed or surprised:

" Oh, brother – I really don't want to deal with this now.

brother

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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