

quartet(te)[kwɔ:'tɛt] *n*

1. *муз.* квартет
2. *стих.* строфа из четырёх строк
3. *разг.* группа из четырёх человек
4. *физ.* квартет (*группа из четырёх спектральных линий или частиц*)

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quar-tet [kwɑːtɛt kwɑːr-tɛt] *BrE* [kwɔːtɛt kwɔːr-tɛt] *NAmE* [kwɔːr-tɛt] *noun*

1. **countable + singular or plural verb** a group of four musicians or singers who play or sing together
 - the Amadeus Quartet
2. **countable** a piece of music for four musicians or singers
 - a Beethoven string quartet
3. **countable + singular or plural verb** a set of four people or things
 - the last in a quartet of novels

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (in the general sense 'set of four'): from French *quartette*, from Italian *quartetto*, from *quarto* 'fourth', from Latin *quartus*.

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1. four singers or musicians who sing or play together:
 - a string quartet (=four people playing musical instruments with strings, such as violins)
 2. a piece of music written for four performers
 3. four people or things of the same type
- quartet of**
- a quartet of short films set in the 1920s

⇒ **quintet**, **trio****quartet**

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