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Meaning of *woman* in English



woman

noun

US /'wɒm.ən/ UK /'wɒm.ən/

plural **women** US UK /'wɪmɪn/



A1 [C]

an adult female human being:

- *She's a really nice woman.*
- *A woman and two men were arrested the day after the explosion.*
- *Women first got the vote in Britain in 1918.*
- *She is Ireland's first woman (= female) president.*



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[C] informal

a wife or female sexual partner:

- *Apparently, Jeff has a new woman.*



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women in general:

- *He is writing a book on the representation of woman in medieval art.*

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- *A woman with a clipboard stopped us in the street to ask us some questions.*
- *Her new film deals with the relationship between a woman and her sick daughter.*
- *It is an illness which afflicts women more than men.*
- *In the 1920s, short hair for women became the vogue.*
- *The painter has managed to capture every nuance of the woman's expression.*

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girl	heteronormative
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suffix

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used to form nouns describing certain types of women or women with certain jobs:

- *an Englishwoman/Frenchwoman*
- *a chairwoman*

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wood for the trees

to be unable to understand a situation clearly because you are too involved in it

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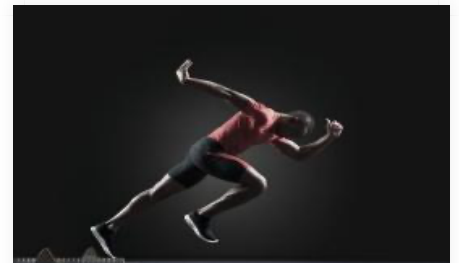


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- *Our chief of police is a woman, and our mayor is a woman, too.*
- *She is an active, elderly woman.*
- *More men than women suffer from high blood pressure.*

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in Spanish

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