

# boy-friend S3

/ˈbɔɪfrend/

**noun** [countable]

GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND a man that you are having a romantic relationship with

→ **girlfriend**

## THESAURUS

**boyfriend** a boy or man that you have a romantic relationship with, especially for a fairly long time: *Josh was my first boyfriend.*

**partner** the person you are married to, or the person you are living with and having a sexual relationship with: *Sweden allows gay partners to receive many of the same benefits that married couples get. | Partners are also welcome.*

**fiancé** the man whom a woman is going to marry: *Her fiancé was killed in the war.*

**lover** someone who you have a sexual relationship with, without being married to them: *A few nights later, they became lovers.*

**ex (informal)** a woman's former husband or boyfriend: *Her ex has caused a lot of trouble for her.*

**old flame (informal)** someone who was your boyfriend in the past: *In a box in the closet, I found love letters from one of her old flames.*

**man (informal)** a woman's husband or boyfriend: *She'll always stand by her man.*

**sweetheart (old-fashioned)** the person that you love: *They were childhood sweethearts.*

**beau (old-fashioned)** a woman's boyfriend or lover - a very old-fashioned use: *Does she have a beau?*

**toy boy (informal humorous)** a young man who is having a sexual relationship with an older woman: *A woman with a toy boy gets a lot more disapproving looks than a man with a younger woman.*

**sugar daddy (informal)** an older man who gives a younger

woman presents and money in return for their company and often for sex: *I can imagine her cashing checks from some mysterious sugar daddy.*

be going out with somebody if you are going out with a boy or man, you have him as your boyfriend: *She's been going out with Jack for a couple of months.*

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