

ap·ple

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noun

1 [uncountable and countable] a hard round fruit that has red, light green, or yellow skin and is white inside:

apple pie

an apple tree

roast pork and apple sauce (= a thick sauce made from cooked apples)

→ COOKING APPLE,
EATING APPLE

2 be the apple of somebody's eye LOVE

to be loved very much by someone:

Ben was always the apple of his father's eye.

3 bob/dunk/dip for apples

to play a game in which you must use your teeth to pick up apples floating in water

4 be as American as apple pie

used to describe something that is typically American

5 the apple doesn't fall far from the tree (AmE)

used to say that children are usually similar to their parents, especially in a bad way

→ **upset the apple cart** AT UPSET² (5),

→ **a rotten apple** AT ROTTEN¹ (7),

→ ADAM'S APPLE,
BIG APPLE

COLLOCATIONSense 1 adjectives

juicy a juicy green apple

sweet *This apple's really sweet and delicious.*

sour/tart (= not at all sweet) *Some people prefer a slightly sour apple.*

rotten (= bad, so that the skin goes brown) *There were a few rotten apples lying on the ground.*

an eating/dessert apple (= one which is sweet enough to eat) *Use dessert apples for this recipe.*

a cooking apple

a baked apple (= one that has been cooked in the oven)

verbs

eat an apple *Some people say that you should eat an apple every day.*

bite into an apple *Sue bit into her apple with a loud crunch.*

munch on an apple (= eat it) *He was munching on an apple.*

peel an apple (= remove the skin) *Peel the apples and slice them finely.*

core an apple (= remove the middle part containing the seeds) *Core the apples and cut into quarters.*

Word origin

Language: Old English

Origin: *æppel*

Apple (trademark)

a US computer company whose best-known products are the iPod and iPhone

a type of computer made by this company. These machines are regarded as being easy to use, and have a different OPERATING SYSTEM from PCs. They are usually called 'Macs'.

