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This application provides a method for performing data transmission by two terminal devices and an apparatus, so that only a spectrum resource needs to be occupied or fewer spectrum resources need to be occupied, and fewer spectrum resources are consumed, thereby helping alleviate a strain on spectrum resources. The method includes: A first core network device determines that a first terminal and a second terminal are in a mutual backup relationship. The first core network device sends pairing indication information to a base station, where the pairing indication information indicates that the first terminal and the second terminal are in the mutual backup relationship.

