**Syntax**

: mata help ...

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help need not be preceded by mata.

**Description**

mata help is Stata's help command. Thus you do not have to exit Mata to use help.

**Remarks and examples**

See [M-1] help.

You need not type the Mata prefix:

: mata help mata
(output appears in Stata's Viewer)
: help mata
(same result)

help can be used to obtain help for Mata or Stata:

: help mata missing()
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**Also see**

[M-1] help — Obtaining help in Stata
[R] help — Display help in Stata
[M-3] intro — Commands for controlling Mata