

mata drop — Drop matrix or function[Description](#)[Syntax](#)[Remarks and examples](#)[Also see](#)

Description

`mata drop` clears from memory the specified matrices and functions.

Syntax

```
: mata drop namelist
```

where *namelist* is as defined in [M-3] [namelists](#).

This command is for use in Mata mode following Mata's colon prompt. To use this command from Stata's dot prompt, type

```
. mata: mata drop ...
```

Remarks and examples

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Use `mata describe` (see [M-3] [mata describe](#)) to determine what is in memory. Use `mata clear` (see [M-3] [mata clear](#)) to drop all matrices and functions, or use Stata's `clear mata` command (see [D] [clear](#)).

To drop a matrix named `A`, type

```
: mata drop A
```

To drop a function named `foo()`, type

```
: mata drop foo()
```

To drop a matrix named `A` and a function named `foo()`, type

```
: mata drop A foo()
```

Also see

[M-3] [mata clear](#) — Clear Mata's memory

[M-3] [Intro](#) — Commands for controlling Mata