

**mata help** — Obtain help in Stata

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## Description

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

## Syntax

```
: mata help ...
```

```
: help ...
```

`help` need not be preceded by `mata`.

## Remarks and examples

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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()
: help missing()
```

## Also see

[\[M-1\] help](#) — Obtaining help in Stata

[\[R\] help](#) — Display help in Stata

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