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group ^{1 of 2} noun

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often attributive[Synonyms of *group* >](#)

- 1** : two or more figures forming a complete unit in a composition
went there as a *group*
- 2 a** : a number of individuals assembled together or having some unifying relationship
a study *group*
- b** : an assemblage of objects regarded as a unit
one of the food *groups*
- c (1)** : a military unit consisting of a headquarters and attached battalions
- (2)** : a unit of the U.S. Air Force higher than a squadron and lower than a wing



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especially : **FUNCTIONAL GROUP**

a methyl *group*

(2) : an assemblage of elements forming one of the vertical columns of the **periodic table**

c : a bed or layer of rocks deposited during an era

4 : a mathematical set that is closed under a binary associative operation, contains an identity element, and has an inverse for every element

group 2 of 2 verb

grouped; grouping; groups

transitive verb

1 : to combine in a group

grouped English and Dutch as Germanic languages

2 : to assign to a group : **CLASSIFY**

The children were *grouped* by age.

intransitive verb

1 : to form a group

The students *grouped* around the table.

2 : to belong to a group

3 : to make **groups** of closely spaced hits on a target

the gun *grouped* beautifully

— R. C. Ruark



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Noun

array

band

batch

block

clot

cluster

collection

grouping

knot

muster

parcel

assemblage

bank

battery

bunch

clump

clutch

constellation

huddle

lot

package

passel



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categorize	class
classify	codify
compartment	compartmentalize
digest	distinguish
distribute	grade
peg	place
range	rank
relegate	separate
sort	type

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Noun

It'll be easier if we go there as a *group*.

She presented the idea to the *group*.

We like to let these students work *in groups* whenever possible.

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— Tim Stelloh, *NBC News*, 29 Nov. 2023

Suicides rose in 2021 after 2 years of declines, CDC report finds All other race/ethnic groups experienced a 1% to 3% increase in suicide rates, but according to the report, none of these changes were deemed statistically significant either.

— Mary Kekatos, *ABC News*, 29 Nov. 2023

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Noun and Verb

French *groupe*, from Italian *gruppo*, by-form of *groppo* knot, tangle, of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German *kropf* craw — more at [CROP](#)



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Verb

1706, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1](#)

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The first known use of *group* was in 1668

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- 1** : a number of objects or persons considered as a unit
- 2 a** : a number of living things having some natural relationship
- b** : a combination of atoms commonly found together in a molecule
a methyl *group*
- 3** : a small band : **COMBO**
a rock *group*

group ^{2 of 2} verb



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group noun

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often attributive

- 1** : a number of individuals assembled together or having some unifying relationship
- 2 a** : an assemblage of related organisms → often used to avoid taxonomic connotations when the kind or degree of relationship is not clearly defined
- b (1)** : an assemblage of atoms forming part of a molecule
especially : **FUNCTIONAL GROUP**
- (2)** : an assemblage of elements forming one of the vertical columns of the periodic table



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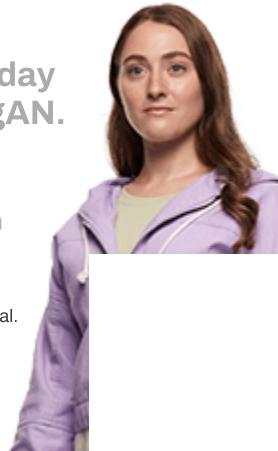
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 1 of 3 adjectivese·lect (sə-'lekt )[Synonyms of select >](#)

- 1 : chosen from a number or group by fitness or preference
- 2 **a** : of special value or excellence : **SUPERIOR, CHOICE**
b : exclusively or fastidiously chosen often with regard to social, economic, or cultural characteristics
- 3 : judicious or restrictive in choice : **DISCRIMINATING**
pleased with the *select* appreciation of his books
— Osbert Sitwell

(sə-'lek-tə-bəl ) adjective(sə-'lek(t)-nəs ) noun(sə-'lek-tər ) noun

select

 2 of 3 verb**selected; selecting; selects***transitive verb*

: to choose (as by fitness or excellence) from a number or group : pick out



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SELECT 3 of 3 **noun**

: one that is select → often used in plural

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take

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Adjective

Only a few *select* employees attended the meeting.

A *select* committee was formed to plan the project.

The group was small and *select*.

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Adjective

The Jingle Jets holiday light show and festivities are from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on *select* nights from Nov. 24 to Dec. 23 at the USS Midway Museum, 910 N. Harbor Drive.

— Linda McIntosh, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, 21 Nov. 2023

And *select* sale items are also an extra 50% off, just because.

— Jake Smith, *Glamour*, 20 Nov. 2023

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Etymology

Adjective

Latin *selectus*, past participle of *seligere* to select, from *se-* apart (from *sed*, *se* without) + *legere* to gather, select — more at [SUICIDE](#), [LEGEND](#)

First Known Use

Adjective

circa 1555, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Verb

1566, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense](#)

Noun

1610, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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verb

se·lect

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- 1 : to pick out from a number or group : **CHOOSE**
- 2 : to choose (a particular action or a section of text on a computer screen) especially using a mouse

select

2 of 2

adjective

- 1 : chosen from a number or group to include the best or most suitable individuals
invited only a few *select* employees
- 2 : of special value or excellence : **SUPERIOR, CHOICE**
a *select* hotel



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: to cause a specified gene, trait, or organism to become more frequent or less frequent

→ usually used with *for* or *against*

animal breeders need to *select* simultaneously for improved conformity to breed characteristics and against defective genes causing disease

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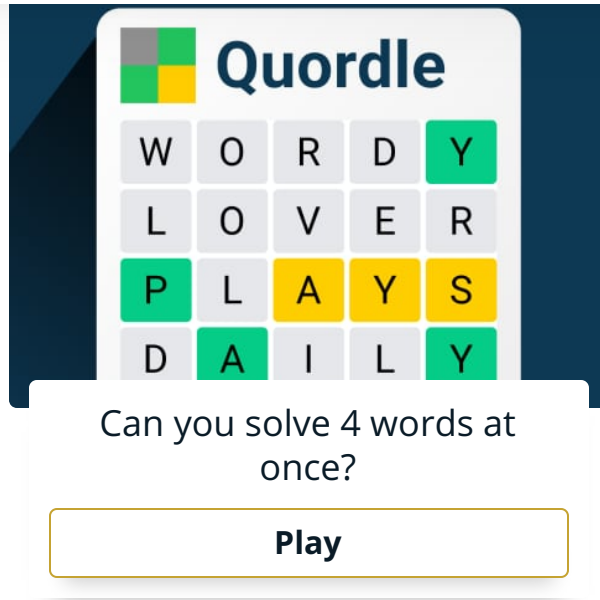
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