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noun

- an instrument, apparatus, or device for a particular purpose or use.
- a piece of equipment, usually operated electrically, especially for use in the home or for performance of domestic chores, as a refrigerator, washing machine, or toaster.
- the act of applying; application.
- Archaic. a measure; stratagem.
- Obsolete. compliance.

verb (used with object), **applianced**, **appliancing**.

- to equip with appliances:
a fully applianced kitchen.

Origin of appliance

1555-1565

1555-65; apply + -ance

Related forms

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It kind of looks like an *appliance* you would legitimately have in your kitchen.

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Every *appliance* of resuscitation known to science was brought into use, but in vain.

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So does every tool, *appliance*, and machine we use, and so do all the people with whom we interact.

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This part of the *appliance* he carries, knapsack fashion, upon his back.

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No horses, after this *appliance*, were afflicted with sore backs.

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Now that you know the wattage of the *appliance*, multiply this figure by number of hours the equipment operates in one day.

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The *appliance* for lifting the bucket was of the most primitive type.

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appliance

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noun

1. a machine or device, esp an electrical one used domestically
2. any piece of equipment having a specific function
3. a device fitted to a machine or tool to adapt it for a specific purpose
4. *another name for a fire engine*

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n.
1560s, "action of putting into use," from apply + -ance. Meaning
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appliance ap·pli·ance (ə-plī'əns)

n.
A dental or surgical device designed to perform a therapeutic or corrective function.

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