

attachment

noun | at-tach-ment | \ə-ˈtach-mənt\

Simple Definition of ATTACHMENT

- : an extra part that can be used with a machine to make it do a particular job
- : strong feelings of affection or loyalty for someone or something
- : a document or file that is sent with e-mail

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Examples: ATTACHMENT in a sentence

Full Definition of ATTACHMENT

- : a seizure by legal process; *also*: the writ or precept commanding such seizure
- a**: the state of being personally *attached*: *FIDELITY* <*attachment* to a cause>
b: affectionate regard <a deep *attachment* to nature>
- : a device attached to a machine or implement
- : the physical connection by which one thing is attached to another
- : the process of physically *attaching*

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See *attachment* defined for kids

Examples of ATTACHMENT in a sentence

The vacuum cleaner *attachments* help clean in tight spaces.

I need a longer *attachment* for the drill.

I'll send the document as an *attachment* to my next e-mail.

First Known Use of ATTACHMENT

14th century

14th Century

Rhymes with ATTACHMENT

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Definition of ATTACHMENT for Students

- 1 : connection by feelings of affection or regard <The children had a strong *attachment* to their grandmother.>
- 2 : an extra part that can be attached to a machine or tool <vacuum cleaner *attachments*>
- 3 : a connection by which one thing is joined to another <The *attachment* that connects the oar to the rowboat is broken.>

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Medical Definition of ATTACHMENT

- 1 : a strong emotional bond that an infant forms with a caregiver (such as a mother) especially when viewed as a basis for normal emotional and social development; also : the process by which an infant forms an attachment
- 2 : the physical connection by which one thing is attached to another <sever the *attachments* of a muscle to a bone>

—attach ˈə-tach\ verb

Learn More about ATTACHMENT

Thesaurus: All synonyms and antonyms for *attachment*
Spanish Central: Translation of *attachment*
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A tawdry history



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Scaling 'scale'



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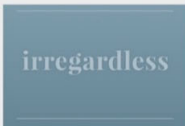
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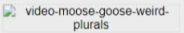
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It is in fact a real word (but that doesn't mean you should ...

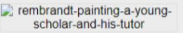


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