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object

'äb-jikt ◀▶

-(.)jekt ◀▶

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1 a : something material that may be perceived by the senses

I see an *object* in the distance.

b : something that when viewed stirs a particular emotion

The book's protagonist is both an *object* of desire and an *object* of pity.

She is the *object* of their affection.

2 a : something mental or physical toward which thought, feeling, or action is directed

an *object* for study

the *object* of my affection

delicately carved art *objects*

b : something physical that is perceived by an individual and becomes an agent for psychological identification

The mother is the primary *object* of the child.

3 a : the goal or end of an effort or activity : **PURPOSE, OBJECTIVE**

Their *object* is to investigate the matter thoroughly.

The *object* of the game is to score the most points.

b : a cause for attention or concern

Money is no *object*.

4 : a thing that forms an element of or constitutes the subject matter of an investigation

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b : a noun or noun equivalent in a prepositional phrase (such as *table* in *on the table*)**6 a** : a [data structure](#) in [object-oriented programming](#) that can contain functions (see [FUNCTION entry 1 sense 7](#)) as well as constants, variables, and other data structures**b** : a [discrete](#) entity (such as a window or icon) in computer graphics (see [GRAPHIC entry 2 sense 2b](#)) that can be manipulated independently of other such entities'äb-jikt-ləs -(,.)jekt- **adjective****noun**

object 2 of 3 **verb**

ob·ject

objected; objecting; objects

transitive verb

: to put forth in opposition or as an [objection](#)*objected* that the statement was misleading

intransitive verb

1 : to oppose something firmly and usually with words or argumentsNo one *objected* to the change in plans.I *object*, your honor. The question is misleading.**2** : to feel distaste for somethingAnyone would *object* to doing something that underhanded. əb-'jek-tər **noun**


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Noun

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item

thing

piece

Verb

protest

complain

take exception

take issue

expostulate

except

demur

kick

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Choose the Right Synonym for *object*

INTENTION, INTENT, PURPOSE, DESIGN, AIM, END, OBJECT, OBJECTIVE, GOAL mean what one intends to accomplish or attain.

INTENTION implies little more than what one has in mind to do or bring about.
announced his *intention* to marry

INTENT suggests clearer formulation or greater deliberateness.



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DESIGN implies a more carefully calculated plan.

the order of events came by accident, not *design*

AIM adds to these implications of effort directed toward attaining or accomplishing.

her *aim* was to raise film to an art form

END stresses the intended effect of action often in distinction or contrast to the action or means as such.

willing to use any means to achieve his *end*

OBJECT may equal **END** but more often applies to a more individually determined wish or need.

his constant *object* was the achievement of pleasure

OBJECTIVE implies something tangible and immediately attainable.

their *objective* is to seize the oil fields

GOAL suggests something attained only by prolonged effort and hardship.

worked years to reach her *goals*

Noun

There were three **objects** in the box: a comb, a pen, and a button.

His **object** is to determine how much the business will cost to operate.

Verb

No one **objected** when the paintings were removed.



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Once there's a solid foundation of fluffy walls, the middle of the nest gets filled with blankets, comforters and any other **objects** to get cozy.

— Angelica Stabile, *FOXNews.com*, 16 Nov. 2025

Keep a distance from tall, isolated trees or other elevated **objects**.

— Ca Weather Bot, *Sacbee.com*, 15 Nov. 2025

Verb

Motion tracking lets an effect, **object**, or text follow something moving in your video.

— *PC Magazine*, 15 Nov. 2025

To review or **object** to instances where our partners assert a legitimate interest in utilizing your data, please visit our vendors page.

— Walden Green, *Pitchfork*, 14 Nov. 2025

Adjective

But just shooting an **object** head-on without any movement is very dull.

— Julian Chokkattu, *WIRED*, 29 Aug. 2022

The case raises the important question of whether the testimony and result will serve as **object** lessons for investors confronted with cheery promises in the future.

— Michael Hiltzik, *Los Angeles Times*, 3 Jan. 2022

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objection," borrowed from Latin *objectum* "something presented to the senses, charge, accusation" (Medieval Latin also, "something presented to the mind, goal, aim"), noun derivative from neuter of *objectus*, past participle of *obicere*, *objicere* "to throw in the way, place against, put forward, present (to the eyes, mind, etc.), cite as a ground for disapproval," from *ob-* "against, in the way" + *jacere* "to throw, cast" — more at [OB-](#), [JET entry 3](#)

Verb

Middle English *objecten*, in part borrowed from Latin *objectus*, past participle of *obicere*, *objicere* "to throw in the way, put forward, cite as a ground for disapproval or criticism," in part borrowed from Latin *objectāre* "to throw before, put in the way, cite as a ground for disapproval," frequentative of *obicere* — more at [OBJECT entry 1](#)

Adjective

from attributive use of [OBJECT entry 1](#)

First Known Use

Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Verb

15th century, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense](#)

Adjective

1959, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *object* was in the 14th century

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- 2** : something that is the target of thought or feeling
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the *object* of my affections
- 3** : the goal or purpose of some activity
the *object* is to raise money



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5 : something (as an icon or window) on a computer screen that can be moved or used by itself

'äb-jik-tləs 🔊 adjective

object 2 of 2 verb

ob·ject əb-'jekt 🔊

1 : to offer or mention as an objection
objected that the price was too high

2 : to oppose something firmly usually with words
objected to the plan

-'jek-tər 🔊 noun

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ob·ject (ˈäb-jikt)

1 : something toward which thought, feeling, or action is directed→ see also [NATURAL OBJECT](#)**2** : the purpose or goal of something*especially, in the civil law of Louisiana* : the purpose for which a contract or obligation is formed

object 2 of 2 transitive verb

ob·ject (əb-ˈjekt)

: to state in opposition or as an objection

objected that the evidence was inadmissible

intransitive verb

: to state opposition especially to something in a judicial proceeding

objected to the testimony on the ground that it was hearsayNglsh: [Translation of *object* for Spanish Speakers](#)Britannica.com: [Encyclopedia article about *object*](#)

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