relationship

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relationship noun

re·la·tion·ship ri-ˈlā-shən-ˌship

Synonyms of *relationship*

1 : the way in which two or more things or people are connected : the state of being related or interrelated

the *relationship* between physical and mental health

studied the *relationship* between the variables

the doctor-patient *relationship*

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2 **a** : the way in which two or more people, groups, countries, etc., talk to, behave toward, and deal with each other

had a good *relationship* with his family

The *relationship* between the two countries has improved.

She and her brother have a close *relationship*.

We have a great ***working relationship***.

The two teammates have a ***love-hate relationship***. [=a mixture of love and hate for one another]

b : one's feelings or behavior towards something that one deals with regularly

raising kids to have a healthy *relationship* with food

I have a ***love-hate relationship*** with technology.

c : a romantic or sexual friendship

I am not interested in a *relationship* right now.

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b : a specific instance or type of kinship

a list of family *relationships*

Relevance

kinship	connection
association	correlation
relation	linkage

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The ***relationship*** between the two countries has improved.

She has a close ***relationship*** with her sister.

She has had many bad ***relationships***.

I am not in a ***relationship*** right now.

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Breakthrough has ***relationships*** with several schools in the area and regularly visits schools to present its program to area fourth graders, Cox said.

– Austin Horn july 1, *Miami Herald*, 1 July 2026

The agency continues to struggle with chronic staffing shortages, declining employee morale, and the recent dissolution of its union ***relationship***.

– Walter Pavlo, *Forbes.com*, 1 July 2026

That unpredictability, coupled with Johnson's razor-thin voting margin, is testing the seemingly cozy ***relationship*** between the speaker and the president ahead of the midterms.

– Francesca Chambers, *USA Today*, 2 July 2026

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First Known Use

1724, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Time Traveler

The first known use of *relationship* was in 1724

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1 : the state of being related

study language *relationships*

2 : **KINSHIP**

claimed *relationship* with the mayor

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research into the *relationship* between diet, blood, cholesterol levels, and coronary heart disease

– *Current Biography*

2 a : a state of affairs existing between those having relations or dealings

called on to assume the role of personal advisor in the doctor-patient *relationship*

– *The Journal of the American Medical Association*

b : an emotional attachment between individuals

a meaningful *relationship*

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