attract

[ə'trækt] *v*

1. притягивать

   magnet attracts steel - магнит притягивает сталь

   salt attracts moisture - соль впитывает влагу

2. прельщать, пленять, привлекать

   to attract attention - привлекать внимание

   this scheme does not attract me - этот план не прельщает меня

   to attract admirers - пленять поклонников

   he attracted a large number of followers - он увлёк за собой многочисленных последователей

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at·tract [attract attracts attracted attracting] *BrE* [ə'trækt]   *NAmE* [ə'trækt]

verb

1. usually passive if you are attracted by sth, it interests you and makes you want it; if you are attracted by sb, you like or admire them

  • **~ sb** I had always been attracted by the idea of working abroad.

  • **~ sb to sb/sth** What first attracted me to her was her sense of humour.

2. ~ sb/sth (to sth) to make sb/sth come somewhere or take part in sth

  • The warm damp air attracts a lot of mosquitoes.

  • The exhibition has attracted thousands of visitors.

3. ~ sth to make people have a particular reaction

  • This proposal has **attracted a lot of interest** .

  • His comments were bound to **attract criticism** .

  • She tried to **attract the attention** of the waiter.

4. (physics) if a ↑magnet or ↑gravity attracts sth, it makes it move towards it

Opp: ↑repel

see opposites attract **at** ↑opposite n.

Verb forms:

verb forms		
present simple		
I / you / we /they	attract	
	BrE /ə'trækt/	
	NAmE /ə'trækt/	
he / she /it	attracts	
	BrE /ə'trækts/	
	NAmE /ə'trækts/	
past simple, past participle	attracted	
	BrE /ə'træktɪd/	
	NAmE /ə'træktɪd/	
-ing form	attracting	
	BrE /ə'træktɪŋ/	
	NAmE /ə'træktɪŋ/	

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin attract- **'drawn near'** , from the verb attrahere, from ad- **'to'** + trahere **'draw'** .

Thesaurus:

  attract verb

  1. T, usually passive

  • I was attracted by the idea of working abroad.

  interest · · **tempt** · · **appeal** · · **intrigue** · · **charm** · · **captivate** · · **enchant** · · **fascinate** ·

  Opp: repel

    be attracted/tempted/intrigued/charmed/captivated/enchanted/fascinated **by** sb/sth

    really attract/interest/appeal to/intrigue/fascinate **sb**

  2. be attracted to sb T, passive

  • It was obvious that Kit was attracted to her.

  want · · **have a crush on sb** · |informal **go for sb** · |BrE, informal **fancy** · |AmE, informal **be into sb** ·

Example Bank:

  • That was what first attracted me to the place.

  • What first attracted me about her was her sense of humour.

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at·tract **S2** **W2** /ə'trækt/ *BrE*   *AmE*   *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑attraction, ↑attractiveness; verb: ↑attract; adverb: ↑attractively; adjective: ↑attractive ≠ ↑unattractive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of attrahere, from ad- *'to'* + trahere *'to pull'*]

1. to make someone interested in something, or make them want to take part in something

  attract somebody to something

    What attracted me most to the job was the chance to travel.

  attract attention/interest etc

The story has attracted a lot of interest from the media.

2. **be attracted to somebody** to feel that you like someone and want to have a sexual relationship with them:

I'm not usually attracted to blondes.

3. to make someone like or admire something or feel romantically interested in someone:

I guess it was his eyes that attracted me first.

4. to make someone or something move towards another thing:

Leftover food attracts flies.

low rents designed to attract new businesses to the area

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