

attribute

1. [ˈætrɪbjʊ:t] *n*

- 1. отличительная черта, качество, свойство
beauty was an attribute of the family - все члены этой семьи отличались красотой
politeness and patience are attributes of a good teacher - хорошему учителю присущи вежливость и терпение

2. символ, атрибут

Hercules with his usual attribute, the club - Геркулес со своим неизменным атрибутом - палицей
the crown is an attribute of kingship - корона - символ /атрибут/ королевской власти

3. *грам.* определение, атрибут

4. *филос.* атрибут, неотъемлемое свойство

5. *вчт.* признак, метка

6. *биол.* признак

2. [əˈtrɪbjʊ:t] *v (to)*

1. приписывать (*чему-л.*); объяснять (*чем-л.*)

he attributed his success to hard work - он объяснял свой успех упорным трудом
to her father can be attributed her intelligence and to her mother her beauty - ум у неё от отца, а красота от матери

2. считать *чьим-л. неотъемлемым свойством*

we attribute courage to the lion and cunning to the fox - мы приписываем храбрость льву, а хитрость лисе

3. приписывать авторство

Shakespeare's plays have often been attributed to Bacon - автором пьес Шекспира часто объявлялся Бэкон
the tune is usually attributed to Bach - эта мелодия обычно приписывается Баху
attributed author - предполагаемый автор; лицо, которому приписывается авторство

4. *редк.* относить (*событие*) к определённому месту и времени

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at-trib-ute **AW** [attribute attributes attributed attributing] **verb, noun**

verb *BrE* [əˈtrɪbjʊ:t] ; *NAme* [əˈtrɪbjʊ:t]

1. ~ **sth to sth** to say or believe that sth is the result of a particular thing

- She attributes her success to hard work and a little luck.

2. to say or believe that sb is responsible for doing sth, especially for saying, writing or painting sth

- ~ **sth** The committee refused to **attribute blame** without further information.

- ~ **sth to sb** This play is usually attributed to Shakespeare.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	attribute
	BrE /əˈtrɪbjʊ:t/
	NAme /əˈtrɪbjʊ:t/
he / she / it	attributes
	BrE /əˈtrɪbjʊ:ts/
	NAme /əˈtrɪbjʊ:ts/
past simple, past participle	attributed
	BrE /əˈtrɪbjʊ:tɪd/
	NAme /əˈtrɪbjʊ:tɪd/
-ing form	attributing
	BrE /əˈtrɪbjʊ:trɪŋ/
	NAme /əˈtrɪbjʊ:trɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: the noun from Old French **attribut**; the verb from Latin **attribut-** 'allotted': both from the verb **attribuere**, from **ad-** 'to' + **tribuere** 'assign'.

Example Bank:

- Climate change is widely attributed to the build-up of greenhouse gases.
- The goals commonly attributed to management are status, power, salary and security.
- They claim that one in twenty deaths can be directly attributed to air pollution.
- a quote that has often been falsely attributed to George Patton

Derived Word ↑ **attribution**

noun *BrE* [ˈætrɪbjʊ:t] ; *NAme* [ˈætrɪbjʊ:t]

a quality or feature of sb/sth

- Patience is one of the most important attributes in a teacher.
- The most basic attribute of all animals is consciousness.

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Example Bank:

- His physical attributes were much admired.
- Patience is an essential attribute for a teacher.
- He lists the ten most important attributes of a good school.

- In modern society, the positive attributes of age are often ignored.
- Those possessing the necessary physical attributes will emerge as the best sportsmen.

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I. **at|tribute**¹ **AC** /ə'trɪbjʊt/\$-bjət/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of attribuere, from ad- 'to' + tribuere; ⇒ ↑tribute]

attribute something to somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to believe or say that a situation or event is caused by something:

ˈ The fall in the number of deaths from heart disease is generally attributed to improvements in diet.

2. if people in general attribute a particular statement, painting, piece of music etc to someone, they believe that person said it, painted it etc:

ˈ a saying usually attributed to Confucius

3. to believe or say that someone or something has a particular quality:

ˈ One should not attribute human motives to animals.

—**attribution** /,ætrɪ'bjuʃən, ,ætrɪ'bjuʃən/ *noun* [uncountable]

II. **at|tribute**² **AC** /'ætrɪbjʊt, 'ætrɪbjʊt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

a quality or feature, especially one that is considered to be good or useful:

ˈ What attributes should a good manager possess?

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THESAURUS

- **characteristic** something that is typical of someone or something and makes them easy to recognize: He had several characteristics which made him different to the rest of his family. | the physical characteristics of the brain | He studied the special characteristics of adult speech addressed to children.
- **quality** a characteristic of a person, especially a good one such as kindness or intelligence: Tina has a lot of good qualities. | I'm not sure about his leadership qualities. | Obedience is a quality that my father admires.
- **feature** an important or interesting characteristic of something: it seems to be a feature of modern society that we tend to judge ourselves by our work above everything else. | A curious feature of the novel is the absence of women. | The building still has many of its original features.
- **property** [usually plural] *technical* a characteristic of a substance or object, for example hardness or elasticity, or how it behaves - used especially in scientific contexts: We examined the physical properties of various metals. | changes in the electrical properties of cells | Some plants have healing properties.
- **attribute** *formal* a good or useful characteristic: I suspected I probably did not quite possess all the attributes required to succeed at the highest level. | All living things are able to reproduce their kind, an attribute which no machine possesses..
- **good/bad points** good or bad characteristics – used when someone or something has both good and bad characteristics: The seller will obviously emphasize the car's good points. | Draw up a list of your partner's good and bad points.

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