

**affair**[ə'feə] *n*

1. **дело**  
it is an affair of a few days - это вопрос /дело/ нескольких дней  
private affair - личное дело  
it is not your affair - это не твоё дело, это не твоя забота  
mind your own affairs - *разг.* не суйся не в своё дело; занимайся своими делами  
an affair of honour - дело чести (*особ.* о поединке)
2. *pl* **дела, занятия**  
man of affairs - деловой человек  
foreign affairs - иностранные/внешние/ дела  
internal /domestic/ affairs - внутренние дела  
affairs of state - государственные дела  
Ministry of Home [Foreign] Affairs - министерство внутренних [иностранн] дел  
to put one's affairs in order - привести дела в порядок
3. **роман, связь, любовная история**  
to have an affair with smb. - вступить в любовную связь с кем-л.; ≅ у него /у неё/ роман
4. *разг.* **событие; история; штука**  
the concert [the reception] was a nice affair - это был хороший концерт [приём]  
this house is a ramshackle affair - этот дом совсем разваливается  
the meeting was a noisy affair - собрание прошло очень шумно  
what is this affair you've got on your head? - что это за штука у тебя на голове?
5. *воен.* **стычка, дело**
6. *амер. разг.* **торжественный приём, празднество, церемония и т. п.**  
that was quite an affair - всё было очень торжественно/парадно/

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**af·fair** [affair affairs] *BrE* [ə'feə(r)] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ə'feɪ] <sup>m</sup> **noun****PUBLIC/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

1. **affairs plural** events that are of public interest or political importance
    - **world/international /business affairs**
    - an expert on foreign affairs (= political events in other countries)
    - affairs of state
- see also** ↑current affairs

**EVENT**

2. **countable, usually singular** an event that people are talking about or describing in a particular way
  - The newspapers exaggerated the whole affair wildly.
  - The debate was a pretty disappointing affair.
  - She wanted the celebration to be a simple **family affair** .

**RELATIONSHIP**

3. **countable** a sexual relationship between two people, usually when one or both of them is married to sb else
    - She **is having an affair** with her boss.
    - They had a passionate affair for six months.
- see also** ↑love affair

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

4. **affairs plural** matters connected with a person's private business and financial situation
  - I looked after my father's financial affairs.
  - She wanted to **put her affairs in order** before she died.
5. **singular** a thing that sb is responsible for (and that other people should not be concerned with)  
**Syn:** ↑business
  - How I spend my money is my affair.

**OBJECT**

6. **countable (old-fashioned) (with an adjective)** an object that is unusual or difficult to describe
    - Her hat was an amazing affair with feathers and a huge brim.
- see** a state of affairs **at** ↑state <sub>n.</sub>

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French *affaire*, from *à faire* 'to do'; compare with ↑*ado*.Thesaurus:**affair** **noun**

1.
  - current affairs

• The debate was a pretty disappointing affair.  
**event** • • **incident** • • **episode** • • **experience** • • **development** • • **business** • • **proceedings** • • **phenomenon** • |formal  
**occurrence** • • **eventuality** •

the **whole** affair/event/incident/episode/experience/business/phenomenon/proceedings

a **strange** affair/event/incident/experience/development/business/phenomenon/occurrence

2.

• They had a passionate affair.

**relationship** • • **love affair** • • **romance** • • **liaison** •

a/an affair/relationship/love affair/romance/liaison **with** sb

a/an affair/relationship/love affair/romance/liaison **between** A and B

**have** a/an affair/relationship/love affair/romance/liaison

**Affair or love affair?** A **love affair** is usually more romantic than an **affair** and need not involve sex.

### Example Bank:

- He has tried to play down his involvement in the affair.
- He's having an affair with a colleague.
- How did this state of affairs come about?
- How long has the affair been going on?
- I am trying to arrange my father's financial affairs.
- I knew that the wedding would be a grand affair.
- I want to put my affairs in order before I die.
- It's a family affair.
- It's the story of a secret affair between a married teacher and her teenage student.
- Many people have criticized the way the government handled the affair.
- She saw the whole affair as a great joke.
- She went back home to put her affairs in order before she died.
- That's no affair of yours.
- The Cabinet will be discussing certain affairs of state.
- What I do at home is my affair.
- a current affairs programme on television
- a torrid love affair
- an affair with a married man
- the current state of affairs in schools
- the minister for foreign affairs
- the newspaper article that exposed this whole sordid affair
- He believed in a strict separation of the affairs of state and those of the church.
- He's an expert on foreign affairs.
- I ended up disillusioned and bitter about the whole affair.
- She wanted the celebration to be a simple family affair.
- The Whitewater affair was the biggest scandal of the decade.
- The details of your relationship should be a private affair.
- The talk ranged over a variety of topics, from sport to current affairs.
- Their affair did not develop into a lasting relationship.
- world/international/business affairs

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[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: affaire, from à faire 'to do']

### 1. PUBLIC/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES **affairs** [plural]

a) public or political events and activities:

- Are you interested in world affairs?
- the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Women had little role in public affairs.

b) things connected with your personal life, your financial situation etc:

- I am not prepared to discuss my financial affairs with the press. ⇒ **state of affairs** at ↑state<sup>1</sup>(8)

### 2. EVENT

a) an event or set of related events, especially one that is impressive or shocking:

- the Watergate affair
- The whole affair was a disaster.

b) used when describing an event:

- The party was a very grand affair.

### 3. RELATIONSHIP a secret sexual relationship between two people, when at least one of them is married to someone else **SYN**

#### love affair

**affair with**

- He had an affair with his boss that lasted six years.

### 4. OBJECT *informal old-fashioned* used when describing an object, machine etc:

- The computer was one of those little portable affairs.

### 5. **be sb's affair** if something is your affair, it only concerns you and you do not want anyone else to get involved in it:

- What I do in my free time is my affair.

## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **world/international affairs** China is now a major player in world affairs.
- **current affairs** (=important events that are happening now) a 24-hour news and current affairs channel
- **sb's private affairs** (=things that are personal and not for other people to know about) He never discussed his private affairs in public.
- **sb's financial affairs** They offer advice on managing your financial affairs.
- **sb's business affairs** After dad retired, I managed his estate and business affairs.
- **economic affairs** He was appointed Minister of State with responsibility for economic affairs.
- **political affairs** The military promised to stay out of political affairs.
- **military affairs** the president's advisor on military affairs
- **religious affairs** She wanted to be more involved in the church and religious affairs.
- **foreign/external affairs** (=events in other countries) the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
- **domestic/internal affairs** (also **home affairs** *British English*) (=events inside a country) the Minister of Home Affairs | He said that the US should not try to interfere in his country's domestic affairs.
- **public affairs** (=events that affect the people of a country) He was active in public affairs in his region.

### ■ phrases

- **affairs of state** (=the business of the government) The church played no role in the affairs of state.
- **put your affairs in order** (=organize them before you go somewhere or die) I have cancer so I know I've got to put my affairs in order.

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