relate, related, relation, relationship, relative, relatively, relativity

1. relate

vt.

1) ~ A to B 使A和B关联起来 (=connect A with B)

I can’t relate/connect the two ideas.

The detective starts to relate the murder to the theft.

2) relate sth (to sb) 向某人叙述某事

He related the facts to the journalist.

vi. relate to

1) 与...相关 The problem relates to our case.

2）谈到 The second paragraph relates to his childhood experience.

3) 能够理解并同情 (empathize with)

Many adults can’t relate to children.

2. related adj. 有关的；有亲戚关系的

a related question 一个相关问题

drug-related crimes 与毒品相关的犯罪

These two events are closely related. 这两个事件密切相关。

His success was closely related to his diligence.他的成功和他的勤奋密切相关。

Are you related to Margaret? 你与玛格丽特是一家人吗？

3. relation n. 关系；关联；亲戚

1）关系（一般指形式上的或大群体之间的关系1））

China-US relations

diplomatic/international/foreign relations  外交╱国际╱对外关系

2) 关联  
the relation between rainfall and crop yields 降雨量和农作物产量之间的关系  
the relation of the farmer to the land 农民和土地的关系

**in relation to 关于** a question in relation to the world peace

3) 亲戚 (=relative)

4. relationship n. 关系；亲属关系

1）（人、团体、国家之间的）关系  
The relationship between the police and the local community has improved. 警察和当地民众之间的关系已经得到改善。  
She has a very  close relationship  with her sister. 她和她妹妹非常亲密。

\*relation和relationship经常可以互换，但指大国关系时一般用relation, 指较亲密的人际关系时一般用relationship

relation和relationship

相同的用法：

the connection between two or more things [事物间的]联系 【朗文当代】

the relation/relationship between prices and wages

不同用法：

relationship可以表示人与人之间的亲密关系，侧重情感，如have a close relationship with...

relation可以表示团体、国家之间更正式的关系，如public relations, diplomatic relations，race relations(种族关系)

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