

# as·so·ci·ate<sup>1</sup>

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/ə'səʊʃieɪt, ə'səʊsi- \$ ə'soʊ-/

verb

**1** [transitive] **CONNECTED WITH** to make a connection in your mind between one thing or person and another:

**associate somebody/something with something**

*I don't associate him with energetic sports.*

**2 be associated (with somebody/something)**

**a)**

to be related to a particular subject, activity etc:

*problems associated with cancer treatment*

**b) (also associate yourself with somebody/something)**

to show that you support someone or something:

*He did not associate himself with the pro-democracy movement.*

In everyday English, people usually say something **comes with** or **goes with** something rather than **is associated with** it:

*There are some problems that **go with** this way of doing things.*

**3 associate with somebody** SPEND TIME

to spend time with someone, especially someone that other people disapprove of:

*I don't like these layabouts you're associating with.*

## Word origin

**Date:** 1300–1400

**Language:** Latin

**Origin:** past participle of *associare*, from *ad-* 'to' + *sociare* 'to join'

# as·so·ci·ate<sup>2</sup>

/ə'səʊʃiəl, ə'səʊsi- \$ ə'sou-/

**noun** [countable]

WORKER someone who you work or do business with

**SYN** colleague

*one of his business associates*

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# associate<sup>3</sup>

**adjective**

**associate member/director/head etc** SAME

someone who is a member etc of something, but who is at a lower level and has fewer rights

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