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verb [transitive]

- 1** ATTRACT 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** 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** ATTRACT to make someone like or admire something or feel romantically interested in someone:

*I guess it was his eyes that attracted me first.*

- 4** ATTRACT to make someone or something move towards another thing:

*Leftover food attracts flies.*

*low rents designed to attract new businesses to the area*

**Word origin**

**Date:** 1400–1500

**Language:** Latin

**Origin:** past participle of *attrahere*, from *ad-* 'to' + *trahere* 'to pull'