

ar·rest¹

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verb [transitive]

- 1** **CATCH** if the police arrest someone, the person is taken to a POLICE STATION because the police think they have done something illegal:

He was arrested and charged with murder.

arrest somebody for something

Her father was arrested for fraud.

I got arrested for careless driving.

arrest somebody in connection with something

Five youths were arrested in connection with the attack.

arrest somebody on charges/suspicion of (doing) something

He was arrested on suspicion of supplying drugs.

- 2** **(formal)** **STOP SOMETHING THAT IS HAPPENING** to stop something happening or to make it happen more slowly:

drugs used to arrest the spread of the disease

- 3** **(literary)** **INTERESTED** if something arrests you or arrests your attention, you notice it because it is interesting or unusual:

The mountains are the most arresting feature of the glen.

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Language: Old French

Origin: *arester* 'to rest, arrest', from Vulgar Latin *arrestare*, from Latin *ad-* 'to' + *restare* 'to remain, rest'

arrest²

noun

[uncountable and countable]

CATCH when the police take someone away and guard them because they may have done something illegal:

*The police **made** several **arrests**.*

*A man is **under arrest** (= the police are guarding him) **following** the suspicious death of his wife.*

place/put somebody under arrest (= arrest someone)

*He sued the police for **wrongful arrest** (= when someone who is not guilty is arrested) .*

→ HOUSE ARREST,

→ **cardiac arrest** AT CARDIAC

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