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verb [transitive]

- 1 SEND if you address an envelope, package etc, you write on it the name and address of the person you are sending it to:

address something to somebody

That letter was addressed to me.

Send a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** (= with your address on it so it can be sent back to you) .

- 2 (formal) if you address a problem, you start trying to solve it:

address a problem/question/issue etc

Our products address the needs of real users.

address yourself to something

Marlowe now addressed himself to the task of searching the room.

- 3 (formal) to speak to someone directly:

She turned to address the man on her left.

- 4 (formal) if you address remarks, complaints etc to someone, you say or write them directly to that person:

You will have to address your comments to our Head Office.

- 5 TALK/MAKE A SPEECH to make a formal speech to a large group of people:

address a meeting/conference etc

He addressed an audience of 10,000 supporters.

- 6 TALK TO SOMEBODY to use a particular title or name when speaking or writing to someone:

address somebody as something

The president should be addressed as 'Mr. President'.

Word origin**Date:** 1300–1400**Language:** Old French**Origin:** *adresser*, from *dresser* ‘to arrange’

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