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verb

**1** [intransitive] PURPOSE to try or intend to achieve something:

**aim to do something**

*We aim to finish by Friday.*

**(be) aimed at doing something**

*an initiative aimed at reducing road accidents*

**aim for**

*We're aiming for a big improvement.*

**2 aim something at somebody** SUITABLE

to say or do something that is intended for a particular person or group of people:

*a program that's aimed at teenagers*

*The criticism wasn't aimed at you.*

**3** [intransitive and transitive] SHOOT to choose the place, person etc that you want to hit or reach and point a weapon or another object towards them:

*Denver aimed his gun but did not shoot.*

**aim at/for**

*The pilot was aiming for the runway but came down in a nearby field.*

**Word origin**

**Date:** 1300–1400

**Language:** Old French

**Origin:** *aesmer*, from Latin *aestimare*; → ESTIMATE <sup>2</sup>