

ar·rive

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/ə'raɪv/

verb [intransitive]

- 1 GET SOMEWHERE **arrive** **get somewhere** to get to the place you are going to:

Give me a call to let me know you've arrived safely.

arrive in/at

What time does the plane arrive in New York?

arrive late/early

He arrived late as usual.

*By the time the police **arrived on the scene**, the burglars had fled.*

⚠ Do not say 'arrive to' a place. Say **arrive in/at** a place: *We arrived at the station ten minutes early.*
The Prime Minister arrives back in Britain tonight.

- 2 BE DELIVERED TAKE/BRING **be delivered** if something arrives, it is brought or delivered to you

SYN come

The card arrived on my birthday.

- 3 EVENT HAPPEN **happen** if an event or particular period of time arrives, it happens

SYN come

When her wedding day arrived, she was really nervous.

- 4 SOMETHING NEW START TO HAPPEN, EXIST ETC **something new** if a new idea, method, product etc arrives, it begins to exist or starts being used:

Since computers arrived, my job has become much easier.

- 5 BIRTH BABY/HAVE A BABY **be born** to be born:

Sharon's baby arrived just after midnight.

6 arrive at a decision/solution/compromise etc DECIDE

to reach a decision, solution etc after a lot of effort:

After much consideration, we have arrived at a decision.

7 SUCCESSSSUCCESSFUL | success somebody has arrived

used to say that someone has become successful or famous:

When he saw his name painted on the door he knew he'd arrived!

COLLOCATIONS Sense 1

adverbs

arrive home *Jo should arrive home any minute now.*

arrive early/late *I don't think we should arrive early.*

arrive on time *He never arrives on time for meetings.*

arrive safely *She phoned to say she had arrived safely.*

arrive shortly/ soon *My parents are due to arrive shortly.*

arrive unannounced (= without anyone expecting or knowing you were coming) *He arrived unannounced yesterday and stayed the night.*

phrases

arrive safe and sound (= safely) *It was a great relief when he arrived back safe and sound.*

arrive on the scene (= at the place where something has just happened) *Two more police cars arrived on the scene.*

THESAURUS

arrive to get to the place you are going to: *I arrived at the party at around 7 o'clock. | They were due to arrive home from Spain yesterday.*

get to arrive somewhere. **Get** is much more common in

everyday English than **arrive**: *What time do you usually get to work? | I'll call you when I get home.*

reach to arrive somewhere, especially after a long journey: *When we finally reached the port, we were all very tired.*

come if someone comes, they arrive at the place where you are: *She came home yesterday. | What time did the plumber say he'd come?*

turn up (also show up) (informal) to arrive somewhere, especially when someone is waiting for you: *I'd arranged to meet Tom, but he never turned up.*

roll in (informal) to arrive somewhere later than you should and not seem worried about it: *Rebecca usually rolls in around noon.*

get in to arrive somewhere – used especially about people arriving home, or a plane, train etc arriving at an airport, station etc: *I usually get in at around 6 o'clock. | What time did your plane get in?*

come in if a plane, train, or ship comes in, it arrives in the place where you are: *We liked to watch the cruise ships come in.*

land if a plane or the passengers on it land, they arrive on the ground: *We finally landed at 2 a.m. | They watched the planes taking off and landing.*

Word origin

Date: 1100–1200

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Origin: *ariver*, from Vulgar Latin *arripare* 'to come to shore', from Latin *ad-* 'to' + *ripa* 'shore'